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Congress plans protest over use of letter 'J' on tax assessment bills

By MARK MEDICOFF
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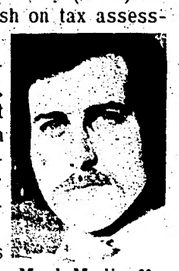
MONTREAL-

A public outcry has been launched against the Montreal Urban Community (MUC) for designation J-- for Jewish on tax assessment bills.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As a result of an amendment to the Real Estate Act, 1971, the MUC sends out tax assessment bills which have religious identification--C for Catholic, P for Protestant, and J for Jewish.

Why the amendment was adopted remains a complete mystery. In previous generations the MUC, with provincial government authority, acted as a collection agency for the Protestant and the Catholic school boards.

In order to apportion the tax money to the proper school board, the MUC indicated religious identification according to P, C, and "neutral"--which included Jews.

"I really don't know why they amended the act, but they did it," said Dr. Samuel Lewin, executive director of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Eastern Region.

"The amendment has now become completely superfluous and is an anachronism. Congress plans to draw this loophole to the proper authorities, if only for the purpose of good government."

The row was initiated at a meeting last week of the Cote St. Luc municipal council, where taxpayers from the largely Jewish suburb voiced strong protest against the religious identification.

One woman, a concentration camp victim, carried a yellow patch of cloth with a black Star of David containing the word 'Juden.' Although the delegation acknowledged the fact that other religions were indicated, the group resented the implications and the suggestions arising from the initial J on tax forms.

They angrily declared that J is used in Iraq for identification purposes, and in the USSR on passports. They took exception to religious identification "because during the war the Germans wanted to know the same things." The persecution and death, they said, had occurred during their lifetimes.

Mayor Samuel Moscovitch of Cote St. Luc said protest letters will be sent to the MUC and to the 27 municipalities which are represented in the federation, as well as to Cote St. Luc's National Assembly member Dr. Victor Goldbloom.

The controversy spread to the front pages of one of Montreal's daily newspapers, and the editor of one suburban newspaper vowed to wear the "Juden" armband until the issue was settled.

Adopted in 1971, the Act then made no mention of denomination, yet an amendment passed on July 8, 1972 compels municipalities to list religious identification for school tax bills.

Bill 71, the recently enacted legislation which reorganizes the city's school boards, does away with taxation on the basis of religious classification. The bill became law in December 1972, six months after the Real Estate Assessment Act amendment was adopted.

A statement issued from Congress said: "The CJC has continuously striven for equality for all in the education system of Quebec--without distinction on the basis of religion.

"It is because of this consideration that the CJC has worked for a unified school system. As long as the denominational system was maintained, there had to be religious distinction in school taxation.

"Bill 71, though it maintains the denominational school system, does away with denominational taxation, and all taxes will be equalized as of the beginning of the 1973 school taxation year."

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Israel will require help for long time, Meir says

Special to The CJN

NEW YORK--

Prime Minister Golda Meir told a group of 30 Canadians here last week that Israel will continue to need the worldwide support of Jews for a long time.

Speaking at a private meeting with a Canadian delegation during her recent visit here, Mrs. Meir said there is little prospect of a decrease in defence spending and that financing the absorption of Soviet Jews in Israel and taking care of other pressing social needs remains the responsibility of Jews throughout the free world.

Mrs. Meir made these comments in reply to a question from Al Green, chairman of the 1973 Toronto UJA campaign. Green headed up the Toronto delegation which included also Joseph Godfrey, Milton Harris, David Satok and David Marks.

The prime minister said immigrants from Soviet Russia are pouring into Israel at the rate of about 100 per day and while she expressed her joy at this influx, she noted with some sadness that "too few immigrants are coming to us from the West."

Turning to the plight of the Jews in Arab countries, Mrs. Meir said they are living under terrible conditions and many are in jail for no known reason other than that they are Jews. Some youngsters--in their early teens--are managing to slip out of these countries to Israel.

Mrs. Meir was asked about the educational system in Israel and whether there was emphasis on developing "too many chiefs." She denied this and said that Israel is concentrating on vocational training. The government firmly believes that the economy should be built on productive, science-based industries.

Golda Meir shares a lighter moment with Al Green (centre), chairman of the 1973 UJA campaign, and Theodor Meron, Israeli ambassador to Canada, during a meeting with a Canadian delegation in New York. Among the Canadian leaders were Max Schecter, Dr. Norman Shaul and Donald Lipman of Toronto Israel Bonds.

Each year, from now on, compulsory free schooling will be increased by a year until eventually there will be free education up to university level, she said.

Mrs. Meir spoke of her meeting with the Pope and noted that he made no reference to the internationalization of Jerusalem. She said the Pope thanked Israel for taking care of Christianity's holy places in Jerusalem.

$3 million figure is passed by UJA; $750,000 increase

TORONTO-

The 1973 United Jewish Appeal-Israel Special Fund campaign total sailed well past the $3 million mark last week.

Campaign chairman Al Green said that as of March 7, the 1973 total is $750,000 above the total raised at the same time last year. Card coverage is proceeding at a "fantastic" pace, he said, with 8,000 signed cards turned in as compared with 4,000 last year at this time. About one-third of the prospects have now been canvassed.

"There's no doubt that the 1973 campaign has gained the enthusiastic support of the community," Green said. To those who have not yet made their contribution, Green urged: "Let's not wait to see what the other guy gives. Let's give willingly and generously because we know it's our responsibility and our privilege to give. Let's be thankful we can give and are not at the receiving end."

The reactivated heavy industries division, headed by Jack Spears, is reporting exceptionally large increases. The scrap metal group is up 50 per cent so far and the steel group is up 36 per cent.

The furniture group, whose chairman is Joe Figa, reports increases averaging 41 per cent. Bill Baltman and Buddy Nightingale are assisting Figa.

The automotive group, under chairmanship of Adam Buck and Murray Poizner, is up 21 per cent; the jewellers, headed by Joe Eisen and Victor Guth are ahead by 22 per cent; the accountants under the chairmanship of John Colomby, Jerry Friedman and Marty Storm are up 18 per cent. In most of these groups card coverage is well ahead of last year.

The young women's leadership of the women's division has covered 278 cards to date and reports a 57 per cent increase. The women's division VIP telethon handled 245 cards with an increase of 37 per cent.

March is the big month for the synagogues and organizations divisions and results will not be tabulated for another couple of weeks. However, early indications are that this division is showing a 20 per cent increase.

B'nai B'rith with the assistance of the Ajalon Lodge have conducted four telethons covering 1,500 cards in the Metropolitan division with results showing a 20 per cent increase over last year. Max Aiken, Morris Flicht, and Dave Eisen are UJA chairmen for B'nai B'rith, the Metropolitan Division and Ajalon Lodge, respectively.

Youthful Druse enters Israeli diplomatic corps

By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO-

The first non-Jew to enter the Israeli diplomatic corps is a handsome 33-year-old Druse who is Jerusalem's consul in New York.

Zeidan Atashi, born in a Druse village on Mount Carmel, obviously knows a lot about Arab-Israeli relations. The diplomat spoke on **Minorities in Israel** at a meeting last week sponsored by the Canada-Israel Committee and the Israeli Students' Organization.

Atashi is a realist who is fully aware that there are problems of being an Arab in a Jewish state. But he takes obvious pride in helping to strengthen the same Jewish state.

"A lot of Arabs replaced Jews on kibbutzim during the Six Day War, and gave blood to the Israeli army, money to the state of Israel, and urged their Arab brethren in other lands to stop this talk of exterminating Jews, he said.

The youthful consul, who took up his post in New York last September, feels that his appointment is sort of a test case if he succeeds in his role as an information official. He believes this will be the signal for more Druse to enter the foreign service.

He and his wife Zahiya come from Isfiya, a village of Druse and Christian Arabs near Haifa. They have three children.

Atashi says there are many Arab-Jewish problems that still exist, but he is confident they will be solved in time. He noted how Arab attempts at co-operation with the Israelis have been met with violence by Arabs who killed 6,000 of their own since 1939.

This death toll has instilled fear in the wealthy who live on the West Bank, and resulted in the further hampering of good Arab-Israeli relations, he said.

"Arabs in Israel have the highest standard of living among nations in the Middle East," Atashi said. "There are two Arabic dailies and several other journals which do not hesitate to openly criticize Israel at times. And then there are 4 1/2 hours of Arabic programming on television and seven hours on radio."

Zeidan Atashi

Golda hints she plans to remain in office

JERUSALEM (JTA)-

Israelis are pondering whether Premier Golda Meir's remarks on an American television interview recently indicated that she plans to remain in office after this year's national elections, contrary to her often stated intention to retire.

Responding to questions from newsmen on CBS-TV **Face The Nation**, Mrs. Meir said that her political future would be decided by her party.

The Labor Party leadership, fearing a bitter struggle for succession, has been urging Mrs. Meir to stay on. Party officials took her television statement as an indication that she intends to do so and called it a "very valuable decision."

Aharon Yadlin, the party secretary, said, "I always hoped Golda would respond to our members' appeals since the state needs her." But he said he was puzzled "why she had to announce her decision in New York." He said it was possible that her American visit had added weight to her resolution to stay in office.

But the newspaper **Maariv** reported that Mrs. Meir telephoned her party colleagues from New York last night to tell them that her remark was for foreign consumption and that she firmly intends to retire when her term of office is up. According to **Maariv**, Mrs. Meir said she made a deliberately evasive reply to the American newsmen because she didn't think they had a right to intrude into Israel Labor Party affairs.

Batshaw 'semi-retired'

First Jew to be named to Quebec appeal court is former journalist

From our Quebec Bureau

MONTREAL-

A former courts reporter for **The Montreal Star** has become the first Jew to be named to the Quebec Court of Appeals.

Justice Fred Kaufman spent six years reporting for the daily where he says he "spent a great deal of time in the courts" until 1952 when he enrolled in law school at McGill University. He was accepted into the Bar at the age of 30.

Also in the news is Superior Court Justice Harry Batshaw who has gone into semi-retirement, becoming the first supernumerary justice in Quebec's history. As a supernumerary judge he will spend only six months a year on the bench.

Both jurists have long associations with the Montreal Jewish community, Justice Kaufman having been chairman of the legal committee of the Joint Community Relations Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith.

Justice Fred Kaufman

Justice Harry Batshaw

Justice Batshaw is internationally known as a champion of human rights. He served as chairman of the Human Rights Commission at the Tokyo Conference of International Law in 1964, and at the British Empire and Commonwealth Law Conference in Australia.

He was also a representative of the Canadian government on human rights at the Teheran Conference. Justice Batshaw is a member of the executive of the Canadian Committee on International Human Rights, and is the co-founder and chairman of the Canadian Human Rights Foundation.

A devoted Zionist, he was founding president of the Canadian Friends of the Alliance Israelite Universelle, and was the co-chairman of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews.

In the social welfare field, he acted as secretary of the Baron de Hirsch-Jewish Family Services Agency.

He has represented Canadian Zionists at Basle and at Jerusalem, is the honorary vice-president of the Zionist Organization of Canada, and is a member of the court of the World Zionist Organization.

Glickman leaves post

By PATRICIA RUCKER

TORONTO-

The Study Committee on Jewish Education of the United Jewish Welfare Fund is temporarily without a full-time study director.

Jacob Glickman, a doctoral student in sociology at the University of Toronto, resigned without notice on Feb. 12 after a year and a half in the post.

He gave no reasons for his action in his letter of resignation and refused comment to **The Canadian Jewish News**. However, Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive director of the Board of Jewish Education and a member of the committee, cited "differences in approach to the operation of the study."

His sudden departure has left the work in two areas for which he was responsible "at a standstill," according to one source close to the committee. However, other staff members are taking up the slack.

Until Glickman can be replaced, responsibility for the administration of the study is being shared by Rabbi Witty and Shoshana Kurtz who holds the title of research associate. Mrs. Kurtz is a doctoral student at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education.

The study committee is also relying heavily on the work of Mrs. Debby Vigoda, their volunteer co-ordinator. Mrs. Vigoda, a national vice-president of the National Council of Jewish Women and a leader in the religious studies department at Holy Blossom Temple, has assumed total responsibility for the administration of a key part of the study.

Glickman, who taught in the sociology department at the University of Toronto until his appointment to the study's professional staff, is a graduate of Hebrew University. He received his M.A. from the University of Toronto in 1969.

WORLD NEWS

Israeli leaders always find time for visits to Britain

By CHARLES HYAMS
(Special to The CJN)

LONDON—

Boosted by a continual flow of top-flight personalities from Israel, the fund-raising season here is in full swing—and doing very successfully with record amounts being raised all over the country.

I never cease to wonder at the quality of the personalities sent over to promote the campaigns each year. No one, it seems, considers it beneath his dignity to take time off from important matters of state at home to talk to fellow Jews abroad and persuade them to contribute to the upbuilding of Israel. Take Premier Golda Meir herself, who has just finished compaigning in America. Last year, she held a fund-raising meeting in London Airport's VIP lounge en route to the U.S.!

Already, the British campaign this year has seen such eminent figures as Foreign Minister Abba Eban, archeologist Professor Yigael Yadin, Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir and Police Minister Shlomo Hillel. Here at present are Deputy Speaker of the Knesset, Yitzhak Navon, being talked of in some quarters as the next president of Israel, and Absorption Minister Natan Peled.

All of them have told me how they particularly look forward to coming to London. When they are not attending dinners and making speeches, they enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of the capital and spend every spare evening at the theatre. Those who come with their wives find that it can be an expensive business, once the womenfolk are let loose in the West End shops.

But there are two clouds on an otherwise sunny horizon, one serious and the other much less so. Regrettably, London is one of the main focal points of Arab terrorist activity and the death last September of Dr. Ami Shachori, agricultural counsellor at the Israeli embassy here, who was killed by a letter bomb, brought a new awareness of the menace.

Security everywhere was tightened and police guarding the entrance to hotels where Jewish functions are held are an all-too-common sight. And just try interviewing an Israeli cabinet minister. His hotel suite is always strategically placed at the end of a corridor to ensure maximum security and bodyguards accompany him everywhere. A truly sad business in a so-called advanced society.

The less serious problem is one of nomenclature. The name of the main body raising funds for Israel in Britain is the Joint Palestine Appeal, known by all Anglo Jewry as the JPA. Its name predates the State of Israel but there is a growing school of thought which feels that the time has come for a new name. Foremost among the advocates of change is Jewish Agency chairman Louis Pincus, who at last month's meeting in Jerusalem of the Jewish Agency Executive, refused to couple its name with that of the American UJA when paying tribute to the support of Diaspora Jewry. After 25 years of statehood, he felt, it was about time that "Palestine" was dropped.

A rearguard action is being fought by JPA officials whose main argument is that it is a household name and any change would be detrimental.

But change must surely come—even in so conservative a country as England. And when it does, pro-Arabs will not make the mistake of sending money to the JPA, thinking it is for Arabs!

Israel receives less aid from U.S.

WASHINGTON (JTA)—

The U.S. government "paid out" $11,343,900,000 in grants and loans for military and economic aid to foreign governments in the U.S. fiscal year that ended June 30, 1972, and also provided almost $5 billion in insurances and guarantees.

Of these totals, Israel received only $50 million in grant aid—a single item for supporting economic assistance. It also received $171 million in loans. Government backed guarantees for credit and insurance to Israel reached $688 million.

These figures were made available to **The Jewish Telegraphic Agency** by the office of Senator Clifford Case (R-NJ) following an announcement made jointly by him and Senator William Proxmire (D-Wis.) that they have just received the first report from the Nixon administration on "the bill for foreign aid" incurred by U.S. taxpayers for that year.

The senators said that the grants and loans in fiscal 1972 totaled $5,274,800,000 in military aid and $6,069,100,000 for economic aid. In addition, agencies of the government guaranteed and insured $4,910,200,000 worth of loans and investments to foreign countries, contributed $163,400,000 to international organizations, and turned over military facilities to foreign governments worth $631,200,000.

"These figures are staggering, and they should be carefully scrutinized in light of our pressing domestic priorities," the senators said in a statement. They cautioned that while they sought to bring some order "out of the chaos of various foreign assistance programs being run by at least six different government agencies," like "the problem of adding apples and oranges and getting fruit salad, all the figures cannot be brought together into a grand total."

Most of the grants and loans went to South Vietnam, Thailand and Laos. Military aid to Jordan totaled $104 million; Iran, $118 million; Lebanon $10.2 million; and Turkey, $152 million.

An exhibit of 100 paintings and sculptures done by clerks and engineers was shown recently in Tel Aviv. Health Inspector Yosef Gadal shows off one of his paintings.

Women's Lib conference ends on a hopeful note

NEW YORK (JTA)—

The first Jewish Women's Liberation conference ended in New York last week on a note of hopeful optimism for the future status of women in Judaism.

More than 500 women, mostly in their 20's, attended the three-day conference. A small group of Jewish lesbians tried to disrupt the proceedings, protesting that the conference discriminated against working Jewish mothers and poor homosexual women, but on the whole the conference ran smoothly and participants exuded a sense of having participated in an historic occasion.

The conference was organized by the Jewish Student Network, an affiliate of the World Union of Jewish students, with minimal support from the established American Jewish community. The Conference of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds gave a token contribution of $1,000 for the conference. Mrs. Vivian Silver-Salowitz, the organizer, said, adding that some way would have to be found to pay the approximately $30,000 the event cost. On Saturday morning a service was held exclusively with a female "minyan."

The conference grew out of the desire of concerned young Jewish women to find valid ways of relating as Jews to the growing feminist movement.

Many of the participants expressed disillusionment with the present state of Jewish communal life and said they felt alienated from the sterile and vapid institutional forms of synagogue, Zionist and communal movements, including such large women groups as Hadassah.

Although most of the participants were Americans, a few foreign women attended. Mrs. Aviva Ginsberg-Bock, a Londoner married to an American academic who has been living in Cambridge, Mass. for several years, was enthusiastic about the spiritual seeking evident at the conference. She said that Jewish communal life in Britain was decadent and that British Jewry suffered from the threat of assimilation.

"Here, I saw Jewish women who reject assimilation as a way of existence and who want to live meaningful lives as Jews," Mrs. Ginsberg-Bock said. "No longer will the role of Jewish women be defined by others or by men alone. Now we will choose the way we will be defined."

The best-known speaker was Congresswoman Bella Abzug, a prominent advocate of women's rights who is a former Hebrew teacher and the daughter of East European Jewish immigrant parents.

were lessons in Jewish history regarding the struggle of women for a better world. "I think of two queens from biblical times," she said, "Queen Vashti and Queen Esther.

"I've often felt that Vashti was a premature women's liberationist. Her refusal to display herself to her braggart husband's guests was a cry for dignity... now we would appreciate it as an assertion of individuality.

"And although Esther is regarded as the true heroine of the Purim story, let us remember that she rose to power through the beauty contest route and once in power had to risk her life at the command of a man who worked safely behind the scenes."

Jesus groups convert 1,000

JOHANNESBURG (JCNS)—

The Jews for Jesus movement has converted more than 1,000 young African Jews to "Jewish Christianity," according to Rabbi Mendel Lipskar, the Lubavitcher emissary in Johannesburg. This statement was confirmed by Rabbi N. M. Berhard, minister of the Oxford synagogue in the city.

However, Rabbi Berhard said that the Lubavitcher rabbi had succeeded in reconverting many young people. Rabbi Lipskar said young Jews were urged to accept Jesus while still remaining Jewish by organizations known as the Jesus Freaks, the Invisible Church, the True Jews and the Hebrew Christians. These organizations, said Rabbi Lipskar, were orientated to modern youth and young Jews who had difficulty in identifying with the rigid laws of Jewish tradition and were attracted to their proposals because it did not involve the traumatic breaking of ties.

Rabbi Lipskar blamed what he called "the alarming trend of the older generation" who failed to show the youth that Orthodox Judaism had spiritual values as well as rules.

He said that if a Torat approach was presented as something honest and worthwhile and not just as tradition, the youth would accept it and not think of turning elsewhere for religious conviction.

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Hungary Jews make good

From our Quebec Bureau
MONTREAL–

At the end of the 19th Century, harsh social conditions in Europe forced hundreds of Hungarian Jews to make the long immigration trek to Canada.

Among those poor immigrants were some of today's most prominent Jewish families. Today, the 3,500 member community is self-sufficient, and their strong involvement in the annual Combined Jewish Appeal drive far exceeds their numbers.

The majority of the community's population came from the concentration camps in Germany, and in 1956, from Communist-dominated Hungary.

"In 1949 several Hungarian Jews formed the Hungarian Speaking Association of Montreal," explained Dr Zoltan Barna, chairman of the Hungarian community's fund drive group.

"After several years of organizing, and after the large population jump, we decided it would be very necessary to build our own synagogue. We thought that without one our community would fall apart."

In 1969, the Montreal Hungarian community became the only one of its kind in North America to build a synagogue, and they named it after their fallen brethren--The Hungarian Martyrs Memorial Synagogue.

"The biggest part of our community is made up of plain working people," explained Dr. Barna, "and we participate in the campaign as an ethnic group to the best of our ability."

To that end the Hungarians canvass their own people through the Metropolitan division, organize their own functions, and hold special Israel days in order to raise dollars for the Jewish state.

"It was very difficult to raise money and care costs for our synagogue, but I'm proud to say that we manage to raise at least twice the maintainance costs of the synagogue for the campaign each year.

"Most of us left Hungary with only the clothes on our back," Dr. Barna continued, "and thanks to God we've managed to find our place in Canadian life."

But Dr. Barna completed his interview with **The Canadian Jewish News** on a sad note. "Our second generation of young people are integrating almost completely with the Canadian Jewish community.

"Our association and our synagogue doesn't have a terribly big future," he remarked, quietly.

Learning how to bake a challa is one of the many activities at Toronto's Hillel House. Left to right, Amy Cooper, Hillel director Ben Mayer, Shlomi Romberg, Ed Weinberg and Zvi Hecht. The house is located near the U of T campus.

Old house on St. George is home to many students

TORONTO–

The old house on St. George St. in downtown Toronto may have seen better days, but the spacious living room with its comfortable furnishings, Israeli wall posters and periodicals stacked on tables, looks lived in and inviting. From the kitchen the aroma of good Jewish cooking wafts through every room--it feels like home.

To hundreds of Jewish students at the University of Toronto, Hillel House is their home away from home. For nearly 50 years B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation has been the only viable Jewish presence on university campuses throughout North America. It has provided facilities for students to expand their Jewish awareness, to meet, to discuss, to socialize. It has given them a haven away from classes.

Ben Mayer, Hillel director in Toronto, wants to reach out and get more U of T students involved in activities, which are being expanded. "Considering the size of the building, the facilities and staff, we're doing a great job. The kids who come here are the ones we want, and they're not just the Orthodox," he stated. "All of them come here looking for something Jewish. We're even getting them from the community colleges."

At a time when there is great emphasis on Jewish education for the young, Hillel is striving to bridge the gap between the alienated and uncommitted Jewish youth and the Jewish community. All this takes money and it is important enough for the United Jewish Welfare Fund to have allocated $48,000 to Hillel this year. This money comes from funds raised through the United Jewish Appeal campaign.

Regular weekly activities at Hillel include Israeli dances, drama and guitar workshops, Hebrew classes, and the coffee house is open on Saturday nights. Kosher meals cooked in the Hillel kitchen by B'nai B'rith women, are served four nights a week.

A recent highlight was a weekend retreat at Niagara Falls where 200 students took part in seminars and heard guest speakers Mordechai Richler, Canadian-Jewish novelist and Professor Saul Friedman of Youngstown University.

The Free Jewish University, which began as an experiment in 1971 with the Jewish Student Federation at York University, has proved so successful, 22 courses were offered in the first semester.

"The Free University reaches the rebellious group. We're using rabbis as teachers--their initial function," Mayer said, "and we have totally de-emphasized the religious side of what we do."

But Ben Mayer is not content to sit back and talk about past successes. Because Hillel House is quite a distance from the campus, a trailer will be purchased and will be moved to different spots right on campus "to let them know of Hillel's presence." Snack food and coffee will be served and information will be given to anyone enquiring about Hillel activities.

"The Hebrew Christians have a table at Sidney Smith Hall," Mayer said, "and I think we have to be there right along with them, where the action is."

Another innovation is a Sunday school for children of Jewish faculty. Three different classes for six to 12-year-olds are being given. Also projected for the future is a Hillel bookstore.

"I see Hillel as providing one of the few opportunities for Jews of all denominations to feel comfortable in getting together," Mayer said.

Its activities are widespread and offers something for everybody. Would you believe a weekly lesson on how to bake a challa?

Hillel group seeks house

By MOURA WOLPERT
HAMILTON–

Would a house of their own actually save the McMaster University Hillel group from extinction?

Not that the group actually faces extinction. In fact, it has some very active workers doing their utmost to keep Jewish interests alive on campus but lack of proper facilities considerably hampers their efforts. Adviser Sam Ajzenstat, assistant professor of philosophy; Rabbi Donald Weinberger, chaplain for the group, and students such as Stephen Stein and Joe Waisberg are working hard to keep Hillel going despite lack of premises and student apathy.

Apathy towards Hillel appears to be fairly general among Jewish students on most Canadian campuses and having a Hillel house may not actually solve the problem. Nevertheless there is evidence that where there is a base of some kind, larger numbers of students avail themselves of the programs and facilities offered.

Stephen Stein of Toronto, president of Hillel and a graduate political science student who has spent all his student years at McMaster, says he has been fighting for a house ever since he has been here. So far, attempts to enlist the help of the Hamilton Jewish community have failed but Stein is determined to press on with his efforts to obtain facilities for the McMaster group despite the fact that this is his last year here.

Rabbi Weinberger agrees that there is a definite need for a base and deplores the fact that there isn't even a room in which to hang a bulletin board. He feels a drop-in centre for Jewish students would help in creating a structure more attractive to a larger number of students and go a long way toward reviving interest in Hillel.

Only about 140 out of a total student population of about 7,000 at McMaster are Jewish and about 30 attend Hillel meetings fairly regularly. Meetings are held in any of the lounges that happen to be free and the executive is planning ahead to give Hillel a good start next year in the hope that an attractive program will make up for lack of facilities and keep interest in the group alive.

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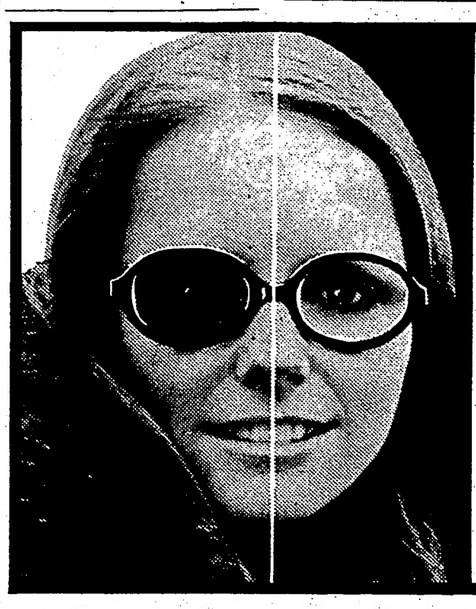
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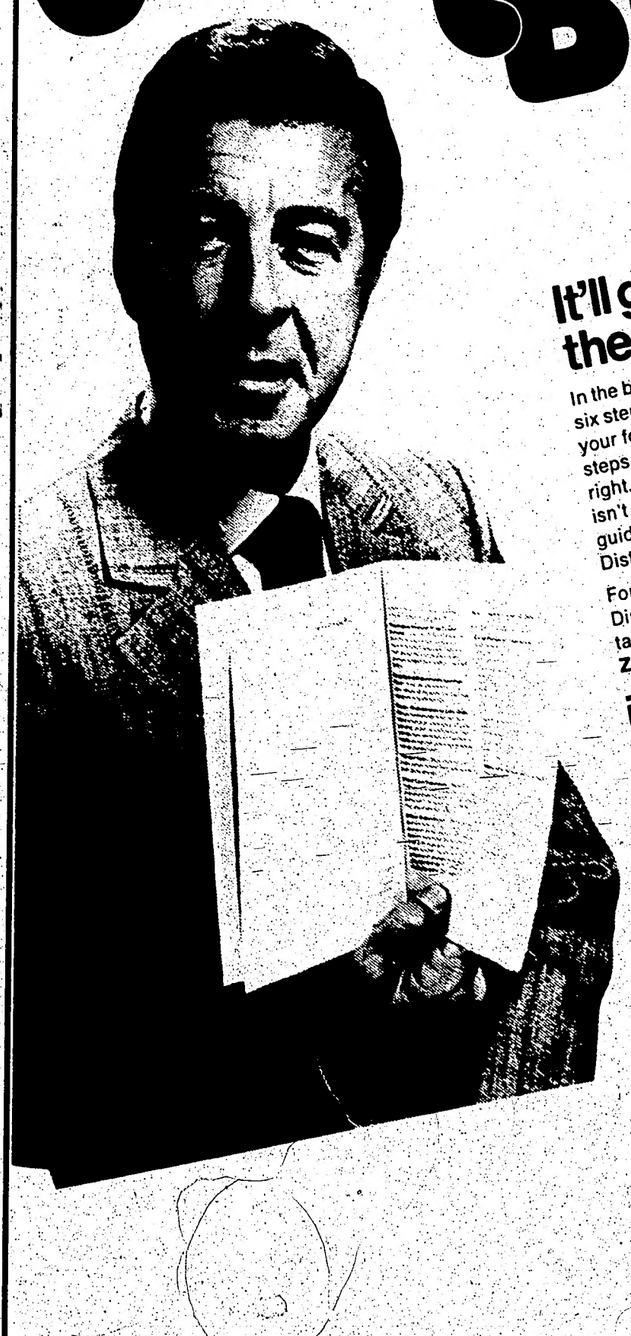
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Criticism without facts

Unseemly haste to condemn Israel reflects little credit on our press

Israel's daily and weekly press usually disagrees on most issues of the day, but their reaction to what the newspapers in the West had to say about the Libyan airliner tragedy showed a unanimity of view. The Israeli press resented the hard line approach taken by many editorial writers, the implication by some that all the blame rested at Israel's doorstep.

Here in Canada the tendency to rush into print with a stinging editorial of condemnation of Israel was most apparent in a number of newspapers. Their right to criticize Israel is, of course, not disputed. What is regrettable is that the editorial writers failed to take all factors into consideration. They allowed the emotional impact of 106 innocent persons meeting violent death to overrule sound journalistic practice, and that is to learn all you can about an event before sitting down at the typewriter.

Does any rational person believe Israel deliberately shot down a plane filled with civilians? What could Israel hope to gain from such an act? Yet much of the condemnation to be found in newspaper editorials hinted, if nothing else, at something sinister in Israel's role. What saddened the editor of **Yediot Aharonot** was "the spectacle of the American press joining a carnival of hostility. They are all thirsty for our blood."

The **Jerusalem Post** saw the world press as being almost glad of an opportunity to berate Israel so that they could adopt an even-handed position, having been obliged to berate Arab terrorism in the past.

Another newspaper, **Al Hamishmar**, protested that it was very easy for people of good conscience in Paris or London or anywhere else in the world to moralize when they were not beseiged by continuous Arab hostility. The point is well made. It is difficult to comprehend what life is like in a small nation virtually surrounded by enemies bent on her destruction, when we are thousands of miles distant in a land that has never known these conditions. The guilt for the tragedy over Sinai rests far more with Israel's implacable enemies than it does with Israel. It is these enemies who created the atmosphere of fear and distrust, who financed the terrorists responsible for the Lod and Munich massacres.

Had Israel known the Libyan plane was filled with men and women passengers, the fatal order to shoot would not have been given. As **Davar**, the Histradut newspaper said, Israel did not have to prove her lack of evil intent in the field of civil aviation. She did not send people to hijack planes and kill hostages. Yet when the news was flashed around the world of the Sinai disaster, many newspapers rushed into print with denunciation of Israel without waiting to learn the facts. This is what we find inexcusable. And most revealing.

President Nixon and Prime Minister Meir share a chuckle during the Israeli leader's visit to the White House. Mrs. Meir said the U.S. had no surprises in store during her visit which was termed a success. (IPPA Photo)

Conversion of Jews is not goal of Key 73, church leaders say

Jewish leaders on both sides of the border who have been openly critical of Key 73 on the ground that it is conducting a campaign to proselytize Jews, have powerful allies within the Christian community.

The United Church of Canada, like other Christian denominations in the United States, recently said it would oppose any tendency within the Key 73 program to single out any group as a particular "target" for its evangelistic thrust. The church statement concluded with the assurance to all other religious groups that "we respect and will continue to affirm their individual and corporate rights."

Now comes evangelist Billy Graham whose contribution to interreligious understanding and goodwill was even more direct. Said Dr. Graham, "I am opposed to all forms of coercion, intimidation and proselytizing."

These statements help to clear the air which has become somewhat murky on this subject. If it was the intention all along to reach uncommitted Christians through the Key 73 campaign, and not seek converts among Jews, then we suggest other Christian leaders should follow Dr. Graham's example and say so in just as clear and simple language as the distinguished evangelist used.

What caused Key 73 to get off on the wrong foot as far as Jewish religious and lay leaders were concerned was the fact that some Christian groups regarded the campaign as a mandate to convert Jews to their particular brand of Christianity. Attention to this was drawn by Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, national director of interreligious affairs of the American Jewish Committee. He declared the assumption that those of other religious traditions are without a meaningful faith is "arrogant and presumptuous."

As for us, the thing to do is spend less time worrying about the problem and more time figuring how to make Judaism more relevant to our young people whose defection in many instances has nothing to do with such movements as Key 73.

Guest editorial

Total freedom in realm of spirit is basic concept of our faith

By RABBI HENRY HOSCHANDER

By way of introduction to the holiday of Purim, the sages in the Talmud raise a provocative question and offer an immediate solution. "Why were the "enemies of Israel," the wholly assimilated Jewish aristocrats of that period, worthy of destruction? Because they "enjoyed" participating in the communal feast hosted by King Ahasueros and his minister Haman." By their purposive emphasis on the term "enjoyed" the rabbis suggest an irrefutable truism, namely, the external signs of participation, "eating and drinking" can be compelled by a variety of threats but "hanooh," inner rejoicing, cannot be coerced. Haman's Jews "rejoiced," and were it not for the miraculous divine intervention, would have disappeared from the face of the earth. In essence, the Jew who relishes his own abasement and responds with glee to his own debilitation, signs his own death warrant.

The implication for the present is self-evident to all who will but see. Recent years have witnessed the proliferation of Jewish-Christian dialogue frequently featuring ignorant Jewish laymen in confrontation with learned priests and ministers zealously dedicated to the principle of "saving errant souls." Admittedly, Jewish scholars have participated in theological and metaphysical dialogues. But... and this is the rub, always on threat of death. If the volitional confrontations currently in vogue dealt with moral and ethical concerns, the elimination or, at least, amelioration of suffering and the manifold human problems faced by Jew and Gentile alike, I should be inclined to nod my head in affirmation. The welfare of mankind calls for the concerted effort of all men. But, when well-meaning innocents enter the arena of religious-dialogue and publicly rejoice in the fact that the Christian world is beneficently granting them the grand opportunity for spiritual self-destruction, then my heart pounds with fear and my tongue insists on crying out.

Our father Abraham, thousands of years ago, set the tone for our eternal relationship with the non-Jewish world. Ger v "soshov onochi imochem... (I am a citizen in your midst ready to assume the responsibilities this entails.)

But, as a consequence, I demand the right of self-alienation in the realm of the spirit, the inherent freedom to serve G'd in my own unique fashion without being subjected to the persistent efforts of others to ensnare my soul. A time-honored protocol of the Jewish faith demands communal participation of its adherents. But it simultaneously insists on total freedom in the realm of the spirit. It necessarily follows that any effort by Jews to conciliate two or more irreconcilable faiths cannot but result in greater, not less, strife and contention. It is to be hoped that the current trend will be speedily reversed. Simple historic logic demands it.

Rabbi Hoschander is spiritual leader of Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

Left wing groups attacked

By ROYSTON ALLEN
CJN Tel Aviv Correspondent
TEL AVIV-

The Syrian-backed spy ring which Israeli police say has been uncovered in this country has apparently been utilized to sling mud at the left-wing parties. Most of the local papers--in particular the English-language **Jerusalem Post**, Hebrew **Maariv** and **Yediot Aharonot**--have played up the spy ring episode for all it is worth.

As the Jewish suspects and many of the Arabs--politely referred to in the Israeli media as "members of minority groups"--were members of leftist organizations (one is allegedly the son of a Communist Knesset member) the net result can only hurt the left-wing parties' image in the public eye.

"Israel goes to the polls in 1973," one left-wing journalist here remarked "and certain parties seem to be interested in slinging all the mud they can rake up over this affair."

The detailed description of what the suspects said under interrogation and what the interrogators think of the suspects' statements, can only be assumed to mean that the security services are deliberately leaking information to local newsmen. Such leakages could only be with some form of political approval (albeit tacit) from the top.

Foreign newsmen stationed here run up against black walls when they attempt to obtain information from the police.

The official spokesman for the Israeli police force (who officially handles the investigations under supervision from the counterespionage branch of the Israeli secret service) is very rarely available for comment. Despite repeated requests from foreign newsmen to hold a press conference, the police spokesman has so far refused to do so. Or more correctly maybe, his police and political superiors have probably refused to agree to such a conference.

Virtually the sole source of information about the suspects and the charges against them is the Israeli media.

When other Jewish Israelis were arrested for spying in the past it proved practically impossible to obtain information other than the fact that they had been arrested. And if a newsman managed to obtain information or if he wished to speculate his copy was severely censored.

Yet this case has been splashed across all the papers, names and addresses of suspects have been revealed sometimes with tragic consequences.

Foreign media are more or less limited to reprinting what appears in the Israeli press.

The apartment door of one of the alleged Jewish members of the ring had the word "spy" scrawled across it, children of the kibbutz another suspect belonged to are taunted with shouts of "traitors" by the fellow schoolchildren and a bus driver refused to stop at the "traitor kibbutz" according to local press reports.

The fact that Jews are involved has been a hard blow for Israeli morale and made even harder by the fact that they all reportedly acted from ideological reasons not for money or glory as has been the case in the past.

The general impression being put out in some circles is that the left-wing parties are breeding grounds for potential traitors and this is apparently being accepted by the Israeli public. Whether or not it will affect the voting this fall remains to be seen.

How to avoid synagogue disputes

By RALPH S. BACK

The recent rabbi-synagogue contractual dispute which has shaken our community has prompted me to write giving my thoughts on the relationship of the rabbi to the congregation.

It appears to me that friction arises because both parties must deal as individuals directly with each other in all contractual negotiations. On the one hand, individual members of the board of governors are looking to the rabbi for their spiritual needs, and also they must "horse trade" with him to arrange the best contract possible on behalf of the congregation. On the other hand, the rabbi must vacate his position on the pulpit and enter into the marketplace of negotiations with the same people to whom he must give spiritual guidance.

This dichotomy, in my opinion, is most unfortunate and completely untenable and irreconcilable. It places great stress on both sides and in the end both lose their credibility and basic trust in each other. A rabbi cannot serve two masters and he cannot properly negotiate his future and that of his family and also deal impartially on a completely different level with the people with whom he is negotiating.

Once a contract is entered into between the parties, then the rabbi is put into the position of taking measures to consolidate his position. He must insulate himself by obtaining the favor of influential members of the congregation to take his side in matters which arise during the course of the term of his contract so that he does not directly come into conflict with the other members of the congregation.

Because the rabbi is only human, he tends to treat members of his congregation in different ways, with different attitudes, and this causes divisions to occur amongst the members of the congregation.

It is also my opinion that many problems arise within the congregation and with the rabbi because there is no clear definition as to the role of the rabbi in synagogue life. Should a rabbi have the obligation of raising funds? Should a rabbi attend meetings of the executive and board of governors and give his opinion on administration and policy within the synagogue?

My answer to both the above questions is emphatically--No! I feel that the rabbi must elevate himself from such practical matters. His role, solely, is to ministrate to the spiritual needs of the congregation and once he deviates from this lofty position, in my opinion, he has lost that which sets him apart from everyday man.

Ralph S. Back

As a possible solution to the above I would put forward the following suggestions:

1. A central body be created with both clergy and lay members to have control over all contractual arrangements between the congregation and the rabbi.

2. No individual synagogue would have any direct contract with any rabbi.

3. All contracts would be standardized as to responsibilities of each of the parties.

4. All grievances or interpretation of duties or otherwise would be brought for consideration by the central body whose decisions would be final.

5. The entire community would contribute to the payment of salaries, pensions, etc. of rabbis and all payments would be made by the central body directly.

6. Amount of salary to the individual rabbi would also be standardized according to a scale with reference to the number of members of the individual congregation served, the number of years of service and other similar guidelines.

7. Appointments of rabbis to individual congregations would be made on a rotating basis for a specific term of not more than two years. (It is my feeling that too much security in a man's position takes away his initiative and can create other serious problems as well.)

If my suggestions are followed through it would appear to me that much of the tension, bickering and hard feeling involved between rabbi and congregation would be removed and the relationship between the two would be on the proper level. It would remove that situation where a member of the congregation is forced in good conscience to vote against the rabbi's motion at a board of governors' meeting when the individual member has to come and seek the rabbi's advice on a spiritual matter on the following day and cannot do so without a feeling of guilt. The above may or may not be practical and there are many refinements of my thoughts which could be given, but I suppose it may all boil down to the situation where we may ask--if the idea is basically a good one, which of the mice is going to tie the bell around the neck of the cat?

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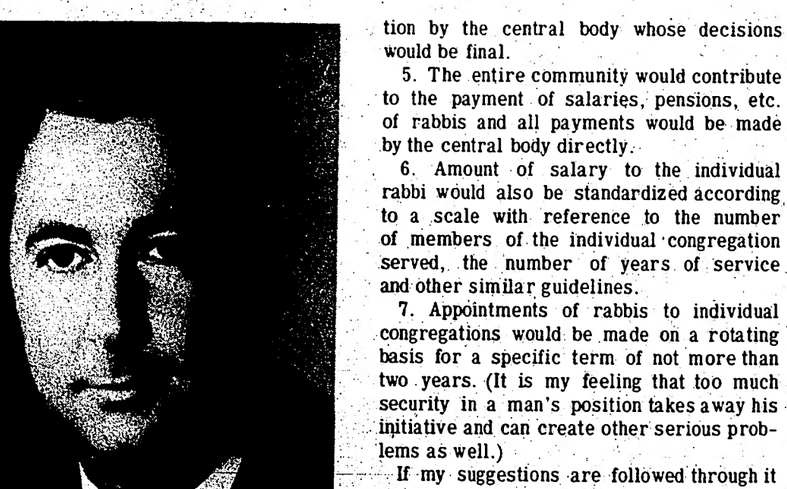

Israel's 25th anniversary numismatic program will climax with the issue of the 1973 Independence Day silver commemorative coin to be released May 7. The obverse side depicts the final paragraph of the declaration document.

ask the rabbi

Shechita rules had beginning in olden days

1. When did shechita, as we know it today, originate?

RESPONSE

1. All one can say with certainty is that the rules of shechita are recorded in the Mishna (second century) in such a way as to suggest that the practice was a very ancient one even then. The Talmud (Chullin 27a) refers to these rules as gemara (tradition), a term which, in such a context, generally means that it goes back to Moses on Sinai. Historically considered it would appear from the story of the ravens bringing Elijah meat in the evening and the morning (I Kings 17, 6) that shechita was not demanded at that time but even here the Talmud (Chullin 5a) suggests that it was meat from King Ahab's table and the king, wicked though he was, followed scrupulously the rules of shechita.

2. On a recent visit to Israel I was surprised to see my aunt, who lives there and is Orthodox, buy meat in a butcher's shop that was not carrying any sign saying its meat was kosher. When I expressed my surprise she said that all meat in Israel is kosher. What is your opinion?

RESPONSE

I am not fully aware of the situation but am given to understand that shechita is used for the killing of all animals for food in Israel so that your aunt was quite justified in assuming that the meat sold in the shop was kosher.

3. I understand that medical science has now discovered that male circumcision is not necessary for health reasons. Are there any other valid reasons for circumcision and if so what are they?

RESPONSE

The bible does not give a health reason for circumcision but describes it as a "sign of the Covenant" (Genesis 17). It is the visible token of allegiance to the covenant made with Abraham and thus the most powerful means of affirming Israel's loyalty to its trust.

Judaism does not underrate women, study shows

By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO-

The Women's Lib movement cannot accuse Judaism of underrating the importance of women, according to Nachman Shemen, author, as well as director of the kashruth department of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

From the days of the Patriarchs, Jewish family life has been stressed in a way not found in any other religion. Also, the role of the Jewish woman is vital in maintaining Judaism. These are the findings of Shemen who wrote **Jewish Attitudes Toward Woman: Based on Biblical, Talmudic and Rabbinic Studies.** This two volume work in Yiddish was published in 1969. The third volume, based on Jewish family life, is in the process of being written.

Shemen originally set out to cover the topic in a chapter, but after finding the material on Jewish women so "overwhelming," and coupled with the modern stress on the role of women, he felt the topic should be dealt with more extensively.

After using mostly Midrashic literature and Jewish mysticism as primary source material, Shemen comes to the conclusion that "the non-Jewish world's accusation that Judaism has a negative approach to women consists of material based on half truths."

In explaining his book, Shemen feels, "From the beginning it was God's will that there should be a union between man and wife and love should prevail on earth between them."

Shemen explains that Rachel is "a perfect example of the importance of motherhood in Judaism." It is she who cries for her children. And it is she, not Jacob, to whom God promises that the children of Israel will one day return to their home.

In stressing the importance of women in Jewish history, Shemen cites a prodigious number of women from as diverse a list as Rashi's three daughters to the late Malka Shapiro, the Israeli poetess. In his books he covers these women under such headings as bat mitzvahs, protection of women, suspicion and harmony in the home, study of Torah for and by women, and women as fighters and martyrs.

In explaining his work, Shemen notes that the establishment of the state of Israel introduced a lot of problems not previously confronting Judaism. One new problem was whether women should serve in the army. He explains that a lot of Orthodox people feared that female military service might bring about a weakening of Jewish family life. He notes how David Ben-Gurion gave up his demand for compulsory female military service and accepted religious exemption in order not to divide the country.

In explaining his own position, Shemen states: "my humble opinion is that mobilization as an army unit should not be unless there is an extreme danger for the country. But, if religious girls want to volunteer, for example, in an office job to release male army personnel for other jobs, there is no clear halachic prohibition on this." In his book, he offers his conclusion after 40 pages of arguments related to this matter.

Nachman Shemen

Shemen also feels that women should be well educated, making them thinking people, which he feels will better enable them to strengthen Jewish family ties. He points out that since the days of the first Temple there was much discussion as to whether women should learn Talmud. He explains: "To strengthen Judaism, women should not just kindle the Sabbath candles, but they should learn and understand Judaism and know why they are kindling the lights."

Shemen's conclusion is that "in Judaism, women are not only a help in a physical sense, but more important, in a spiritual and moral sense as well." He points out that there are many men and many movements in Judaism that would have gone unheralded if it had not been for some woman.

Disaster saddens world Jewry

By J.B. SALSBERG

There was no joy in the streets of Jerusalem when news of the Libyan airliner disaster over the military zone of occupied Sinai reached the capital of Israel. It was, instead, a mood of sombre reflection and sadness that enveloped the land and the vast majority of its people as the details of the tragedy unfolded.

In that agonizing hour Israel reflected the age-old influences of our moral and ethical heritage. Any other reaction on the part of Israel would have violated the essential spirit of the legacy we acquired through centuries of persecution, pillage and massacres.

As for the Jews of Canada and other lands they too, to their credit, reacted with unconcealed sadness and profound concern to the tragic loss of so many innocent lives. Yes, Jews here and elsewhere were shocked by the way enemies of Israel--and not only in Arab countries--recklessly exploited the tragedy to serve their political ends. True, also, that Jews here and elsewhere were unhappy by the failure of some reasonable and sympathetic non-Jews to view the regrettable event in the context of the whole Middle East situation at present. But there is no doubt that the main body of world Jewry reacted morally and not politically to the event.

What has happened is tragic, but what is surely more tragic is the fact that the refusal of most Arab rulers to negotiate directly with Israel for a peace settlement and the continued acts of terrorism against innocent civilians carried on by the Qaddafis, the Fatah and its Black September gang create an atmosphere in the Middle East in which such tragedies can happen.

The Arab leaders still refuse to negotiate with Israel. Reckless Arab rulers like Qaddafi, the fanatic head of oil-rich Libya, calls for a "holy war" against Israel. Acts of terrorism against the Israeli civil population continue. El Fatah and its "Black September" stop at nothing, even utilizing innocent young girl tourists to unknowingly carry bombs on Israeli-bound planes.

It is after the Lod massacre. It is after the Munich slaughter. It is after it became known that Qaddafi, whose government gives $40 million annually to El Fatah, volunteered a $5 million Munich "bonus" to the terrorists. It is after **The Washington Post** reported that the Black September gang was plotting a Kamikaze-type attack on Tel Aviv. It was after all this and much more (but, in truth, before the dastardly killing of U.S. and Belgian diplomats in Khartoum) that a Libyan plane was intercepted flying over a sensitive area; was asked to land; refused despite all efforts of Israeli fighter planes to have it land in accordance with international law and custom.

It still seems necessary to remind people that while Israel and Israeli leaders are human and, of course, not free of error or wrongdoing nevertheless it should not be disregarded that: It is Iraq, not Israel, that proclaims school holidays and invites young and old to watch public hangings in its squares. That it is Syria, not Israel, that is notorious for torturing prisoners and its Jewish citizens to death. That it is Libya, not Israel, that now updated its criminal laws so that henceforth the arm of a convicted thief will no longer be cut off with an axe, in public, but in a hospital... That to date not a single Arab terrorist or spy, after being caught in the act, has been executed in Israel. Not one...

If anything the tragedy points out the urgent need for peace in the Middle East. But of added significance is the reaction of Israel's government and people and the reaction of world Jewry to the Libyan plane tragedy. They did not violate the spirit of our past which was so well expressed by Golda Meir, when she said that it is painful to see our boys killed but it is more painful that we have to train them to kill...

Our man in Israel joins letter writers who have something to say

Dear Editor:

The comment by Joshua Bar-El on my article dealing with the clampdown on tax-free rights and his allegation that the story was inaccurate should have been addressed to the Israeli finance ministry who supplied the information.

However, perhaps the Aliyah Centre in Toronto--of which Joshua Bar-El is executive director--does not have much contact with that body. This would appear to be the case since the facts termed "inaccurate" by Bar-El were confirmed by two gentlemen from the finance ministry, Messrs. Dror and Ellenburg, during a subsequent radio program when I interviewed both of these gentlemen for the Israeli radio.

Royston Allen

Mrs. Sonnie Pergament, of the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel and Mr. Eric Lucas of the British Zionist Federation appeared on the same program and one of their main complaints was that the various offices representing Israel abroad are apt to give inaccurate information to prospective immigrants. This, they claim, is responsible for many immigrants returning to their countries of origin when they find out that all is not as they were informed.

That "the cessation of duty-free parcel post is directed only to new clothing and footware" as Bar-El claims, was not born out when I spoke to the head of the personal import section of the Israeli finance ministry.

The rest of Bar-El's letter to **The CJN** was taken up with giving reasons for the new changes, not in correcting alleged inaccuracies.

The basic problem remains, integration into Israeli life is difficult; it can be a very trying and expensive time for the would-be new Israeli. Most of the newcomers I am aquainted with here in Israel eventually find they have to lower their standard of living in order to survive here. They do, however, stay, taking the drop in standards as a small price to pay for living in and being part of the Jewish state.

May I finish by quoting a customs official in answer to a complaint by a new immigrant that, at his local aliyah office in the U.S. he was given different information to that now being offered by the official:

"The Jewish Agency and Ministry of Absorption do not yet run the customs. We decide who gets what."

Royston Allen
Tel Aviv

Dear Editor:

I am surprised at Jay Jacobs' letter criticizing Rabbi Immanuel Schochet, and more so at **The Canadian Jewish News** for printing it (March 2).

Rabbi Schochet was quoted to the effect that Reform rabbis cannot be regarded as legitimate rabbis because they reject the laws of the Torah and are not observant. By an outrageous absurd analogy Jacobs jumps to the conclusion that Rabbi Schochet, therefore, denied the very Jewishness of these people. That is like saying, because plumbers cannot be accepted as doctors they, therefore, are not human beings either. If that is the only type of logic with which to criticize Rabbi Schochet, then Jacobs has in effect supported and defended the good rabbi's position.

Above all, Rabbi Schochet is certainly entitled to his opinion and I respect him for expressing it openly and honestly. There are too few people around today that take clear-cut positions and live by them. If I may paraphrase Mrs. Posen's letter in the same issue, Rabbi Schochet is not only a ray of sunshine but a breath of fresh air in our polluted religious environment.

Ronald Rutman
University of Toronto

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to Patricia Rucker's report in **The Canadian Jewish News** on the meeting of the Welfare Fund's study committee on Jewish education with the evening school teachers. The article contained obvious misinterpretations and important omissions and, as such, was unduly biased against the teachers.

It is relevant to note that the invitations to the meeting were included under the same cover as two other invitations--one for a meeting on the same day, Sunday, later on in the evening. Thus an evening school teacher who teaches from 9 to 1 on Sunday morning was given the distinct impression that little importance was being attached to this meeting. Miss Rucker was certainly aware of this fact as it was mentioned during the meeting along with the point, that many teachers did not attend because they were somehow under the impression that they would be called on to find fault with their administrations and were either unwilling or afraid to do so.

Miss Rucker was dissatisfied with the performance of those who did attend. I find her judgment unfair in view of the fact that those teachers who felt their English to be adequate to express their views dealt with the majority of problems associated with evening school education, poor channels of communication between teachers and the Board of Jewish Education, inadequacies of Midrasha training courses, low salaries unfair wage scales, to mention but a few! Indeed one of the teachers who felt that he spoke too lengthily apologized and explained that he did so because this was the first time in his 20 year teaching career that he had been asked for his opinion. Mr. Midanik commented that the meeting yielded a substantial "input" which should prove useful.

As if afraid to reveal the many positive aspects, Miss Rucker gives examples of what took place at the meeting with an all too evident bias, some taken out of context. She emphasizes the "underlying dichotomy" which Dr. Klinghofer felt existed between the teachers wanting a greater say in formulating programs and also wanting more direction from the Board of Jewish Education. How does the one proposition exclude the other? I also question the usefullness of the item where she describes the teacher who gave a "long and passionate response" and then "veered off." That teacher discussed several points in her response. Also, certification was not rejected, it was discussed rather briefly and that in conjunction with the unsatisfactory courses of the Midrasha. Is it hard to understand the difficulty of the teachers in deciding upon educational philosophies and ideologies all in one afternoon? If so, it is most unrealistic, especially since each school has its own ideology. It is to be hoped that the committee will be able to accomplish that after their research is finished.

I would suggest that, if the committee is really interested in finding out the views of the evening school teachers, that they administer, in accordance with the proper research methods, a relevant, indepth questionnaire. The teachers would be only too glad to respond unless they were "turned off" by the article.

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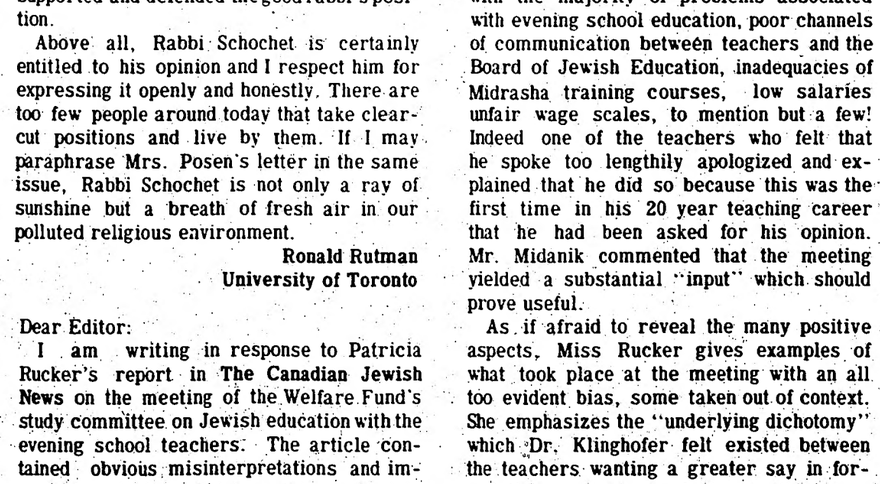

Evening school Hebrew teachers write that CJN article on the study committee on Jewish education contained obvious misinterpretations and important omissions.

Praises honesty of Rabbi Schochet

Dear Editor:

So, Jay Jacobs doesn't like Rabbi Immanuel Schochet's refusal to grant proper rabbinic status to Reform-leaders! (CJN, March 2) What is a legitimate rabbi according to J. Jacobs?

A recent survey of the CCAR (the national organization of Reform rabbis) widely covered by the press, revealed that: nearly 50 per cent of Reform rabbis sanction and officiate at intermarriages without any conversions; over 20 per cent are agnostics, and over 10 per cent are atheists; and some individuals are even intermarried themselves! And they are supposed to be "rabbis," "teachers of Torah and Judaism!"

Rabbi Schochet merely articulated what every religious Jew, of all persuasions (Orthodox, Conservative or Refrom) knows in his heart. Every Orthodox rabbi believes the same thing, but Rabbi Schochet is one of the few that dares say it out in the open just as he is one of the few that dares criticize the outrage of interfaith dialogue, and is one of the few that personally fights the cancer of Christian missionizing.

If more rabbis and communal leaders were as honest as Rabbi Schochet we would not have as many problems. For nothing turns the youth against the establishment as does its hypocrisy and double standards.

Menachem J. Kurtz
Willowdale, Ontario

Bravo Toronto!

Dear Editor:

It is very interesting for me as one of the founders of Toronto's Welfare Fund to read in your fine paper that Al Green is aiming at $10,450,000 for the UJA and that Harry Wolfson in his swan song mentions raising $18,000,000 by 1977. To me these figures are staggering and they make me feel very proud of our Jewish community.

Thirty-five years ago, Arthur Cohen, Ben Sadowski and the late Sam Godrey acted as a triumvirate to lead our first United Campaign which then embraced the Jewish Social Services which are now supported by the Community Fund, and the Gewerkshaften campaign, (this is no longer included) and which included all local, overseas and Palestinian collections. It raised a total of $160,000 and we were happy with this because it exceeded the total raised by all the separate campaigns the year begore. Talmud Torahs and Jewish education were included in this amount. Today Jewish education alone receives over $1,000,000 per annum.

Bravo Toronto! Keep up the good work.

Henry S. Rosenberg
Tucson, Arizona

Organizations and People

what's new . . .

by Miriam Herman

TEACHERS WANTED

Word from Joshua Bar-El, director of the Israel Aliyah Centre, is that positions are now open for qualified Canadian teachers in Israel. The educational system there has the three levels--elementary school with one year compulsory kindergarten and junior and senior high school. At present, there is a great demand for English teachers in the smaller towns, and for teachers of the social sciences and the sciences. Information may be obtained through the office on Marlee Ave. Ave.

AN AT-HOME CELEBRATION

By way of encouraging the observance of Yom Haatzmaut, in the home as well as in the community and the synagogue Pioneer Women have prepared a program guide of appropriate prayers, songs and readings for family celebration. In honor of Israel's 25th anniversary, the booklet is being made available to all members and to the Canadian community through the Pioneer Women office.

AS OTHERS SEE US

The Jewish Image in Contemporary Literature and on the Screen--Is it good for the Jews? Well, the Parents' Association of the Associated Hebrew Schools is presenting some views on the subject in a panel discussion with University of Waterloo professor Arnold Ages, author-lecturer Allan Gould, and CBC program purchasing manager Mervyn Stone. The meeting is set for Tuesday, March 20, at 8:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the north Bathurst St. school. The community is invited.

PURIM HAPPENINGS

"To make them days of feasts and joy and to send gifts each man to his friend"--Esther, 9:22. With this in mind, Yavneh, Orthodox student organization on campus, are celebrating Purim by delivering Misloach Manot (gifts of food) to patients at the New Mount Sinai Hospital. Anyone wishing to help package and deliver can get in touch with Cheryl Roth at 782-2768.

Beth Tikvah Congregation is holding a Purim Carnival, their first, at the synagogue on Bayview Ave., Saturday, March 17, at 9 p.m. Highlighting the evening will be casino-style games, dancing and a door prize of a trip for two to Nassau.

And the invitation from the Hillel Foundation reads--The third annual great Purim and Megillah Bash, Saturday nite, March 17, at Seely Hall, Trinity College, at 9 p.m. Costuming is encouraged.

FASHIONS GALORE

The 'Y' Singles Club has some interesting plans in the fire. And among them is a men and women's spring fashion show (open to the public) on Saturday, March 24, at 8 p.m. at the 'Y' northern building.

CONVENTION GOERS

Forty-five Beth Jacob High School girls attended the recent National Bnos Convention in Long Beach, New York. These girls are leaders and members of Bnos Agudath Israel, the girl's youth organization of Agudath Israel of Toronto. This was the largest delegation ever to represent the organization at the national conference.

CHILDREN'S MOVIES

Wondering what to do when the youngsters get bored during the mid-winter school break? The Adena Chapter of Hadassah-WIZO is presenting the film **Dr. Doolittle** on Sunday, March 18, at Seneca College's Minkler Auditorium, Finch Ave. W. There will be two showings at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

And the following Sunday, March 25, another Hadassah group, Dafna Chapter, is showing **A Boy Named Charlie Brown**, also in the Minkler Auditorium, but show times are 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased at the door at both movies and all proceeds are for Youth Aliyah.

LECTURE SERIES

At the Labor Zionist Alliance lecture series on Tuesday, March 20, Zionist leader and political analyst Shlomo N. Perla will be speaking on **The Truth of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising**. The meeting begins at 8:30 p.m. and is open to the public.

BB A LA RUSSE

A Russian-speaking B'nai B'rith lodge, the first in the organization's 130 year history, is being formed in Israel by the newly-arrived Russian Jews.

. . . about people

Boris Brott

Further honors for **Boris Brott**, director of Hamilton's Philharmonic Orchestra. He has been selected by the Canada Jaycees in association with Rothmans of Pall Mall Ltd., as one of the honorees for their **Five Outstanding Young Canadians** program. He and the four others (one is Toronto mayor **David Crombie**) are to receive a Vanier Award at a banquet at the Skyline Hotel on Saturday, March 17. The program recognizes and honors, on a national level, young men and women between the ages of 18 and 39 who have made notable contributions to their community, province and country.

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A whirlwind schedule is planned for the chief Sephardic rabbi of the British Commonwealth of Nations, **Dr. Salomon Gaon**, when he arrives in Toronto this Tuesday, the 20th. He is coming to town for the ground-breaking ceremonies for the new Petah Tikva Anshe Castilla (The Sephardic Synagogue) on Ellerslie Ave. Willowdale. The ceremony takes place at 4 p.m. but in the meantime he will be meeting with Toronto rabbis, looking in on the Sephardic program at Eitz Chaim School's Willowdale branch, officiating at the 2:30 p.m. opening of the Sephardic cultural exhibit at Petah Tikva, and making a special address at the dinner being given in honor of the occasion at the New Murray House at 8 p.m. There will also be time for press and television interviews and a reception with community leaders. While here, the rabbi will be accompanied by **Rabbi Abraham Lopez-Cardosa** of the Spanish and Portugese synagogue in New York, and of course, **Rabbi Mitchell Serels** of Petah Tikva.

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While in town recently, **Dr. Anna Gelber**, one-time Torontonian now living in Israel, mentioned that E. Gelber St. in Jerusalem is named for her late husband **Edward Gelber** who died about two years ago. Also in his memory, there is the Edward Gelber Foundation in the museum there, a forest in his name and a scholarship providing a free academic year for a student who upon finishing army service needs further education before entering university.

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Former Toronto alderman **David Rotenberg** has been appointed chairman of the Chaplaincy Committee of Congress, Central Region. He will assist in the reorganization of the committee, which, under its co-ordinator **Rabbi Joseph Kelman** of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda, serves hospitals, mental institutions and penal establishments in Toronto and throughout the province.

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For the students at Bialik Hebrew Day School it was an unexpected treat---Israeli entertainer **Yaffa Yarkoni** dropped by for a visit! She was on her way to the airport following an appearance at a concert the evening before sponsored by the school's parents' association. There was much singing to the youngsters, with them and in some classes, by them. By the way, the exchange between her and the children was in Hebrew. And as an added note---in a Grade 6 class she met the son of one of her former commanding officers, **Claire Gilron**.

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Award-winning playwright **Harvey Markowitz** will be leading a seminar called **Playwriting** for York University's Centre for Continuing Education, beginning March 31. A best play in Ontario award winner in 1968, his most recent play **Love-Making for Profit and Taxes**, was seen at the Central Library Theatre last spring and he recently completed a film script entitled **Land on My Property**.

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The son of the late **Robert Briscoe**, a Lord Mayor of Dublin, was re-elected to the Irish parliament in the recent elections there. **Ben Briscoe**, of the Fianna Fail, now the opposition party, represents South Central Dublin and is the only Jew among the new Irish MP's. Another Jewish candidate, Mervin Taylor, running on the Labor ticket, was defeated.

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Accountant **Mark Perlmutter** was re-elected to another term as president of the United Synagogue Day School. **Penny Bowman** continues as president of the parents' association for her second year.

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All you Prisoner-of-Conscience medallion wearers are in good company! It seems that **Elizabeth Taylor** bought one--in gold!

ROM antiquities on display at Yorkdale

TORONTO-

Some 60 objects from the many excavations in the Holy Land, belonging to the permanent collection of the Royal Ontario Museum, will be on view in two display cases at Yorkdale Shopping Centre from March 22--31 during **Shalom--Israel at Yorkdale**.

The display of materials will include Middle Bronze Age pottery, Iron Age pottery, plus spoons, needles, toggle pins, bronze animals, rings, hand mirrors and jewelry from Bronze Age to Roman times.

The ROM display begins on March 22 and will remain throughout the 10-day exposition of Israeli culture and products to mark the 25th anniversary of Israel's independence. Designer John Anthony and archeologist Dr. Lou Levine are responsible for the installation of this specially selected exhibit.

Objects on view are from the Middle Bronze Age and the Iron Age, ranging from 160--1300 B.C.E., and from King David to Roman times.

During the Middle Bronze Age Abraham and his people emigrated from Mesopotamia. At the end of the late Bronze Age the Hebrews first appeared as a small nation.

During the whole of their settled existence in Palestine, the Hebrews manufactured pottery similar in form and fabric to that of their neighbors; but from the time of David, about 1000 B.C.E. the shapes had evolved so far from the Bronze Age shapes as to attain a distinctive character.

The ancient objects reveal cross-currents of influence and thus help to provide an historical setting for the writings of the ancient Hebrews.

The tombs from which the objects have been taken have been rich repositories of information on the culture and sociology of early Palestinian life, containing as they did, things of daily use. Pottery is the most effective criterion for dating any group of associated objects, since it is common at all sites and levels, and has distinguishing characteristics for each period.

Few of the ancient objects in the Palestinian collection have come directly from scientifically excavated sites. Yet they have all been dated with reasonable certainty, thanks to the achievements of archeologists during the past 25 years, and to their careful publication of vast quantities of comparable material.

As archeology gradually approached the status of an exact science, the Middle East has yielded increasingly spectacular results. Excavations have been sponsored by universities, museums and archeological societies of America, Great Britain, Germany and France.

There are 130 different archeological projects going on in Israel alone this year.

Some of the Royal Ontario Museum artifacts to be displayed during Shalom--Israel at Yorkdale.

Steinberg's cantata is widely acclaimed at synagogue concert

By SAM LEVITAN

TORONTO-

Among the many activities inspired by the music committee at Canadian Jewish Congress, the most-looked-for event is the concert where the annually commissioned composition by a leading Torontonian composer is presented, and this year's event, which took place at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, was no exception.

This year's composer was Ben Steinberg, with his cantata, **Y'Rushalayim**, sung by all the choirs who participated at the recent Choral Festival.

The text, by the Hebrew poet, Sin Shalom, is in itself rythmic and musical, and demands a musical setting. Steinberg has composed music that is appealing, well crafted and original. Judging by the enthusiastic applause, the music and the excellent performance which was under the capable direction of Gordon Kushner, decidedly created an impression on the listeners.

The composition is modelled along the lines of a suite in three definite sections, performed without interruption. The thematic material of the opening music **Holech Ani Elai** for choir alone is based on the Haftorah Mode which establishes itself firmly in the opening piano introduction, with skilful development as it moves along, with the mood varying as a complement to the text.

This leads to the soprano solo **Shafar Chelkenu** conceived in a Cantorial style in a solid rendition by soloist, Rosalie Geller, with ample support of the choral forces and a finale that is spirited in Israeli fashion with varied strongly accented rhythms to a soaring finale. To forge the desired results from several varied choirs into one homogeneous group is in itself an achievement, and in obtaining the musical results on top of that must be set down to the conductorial abilities of director Gordon Kushner, whose understanding of this work enhances its value.

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Granovsky revels in challenge of welfare problems

TORONTO-

Business fascinates Phil Granovsky--the goal-setting, the problem-solving, the competition.

"I like all of it," says Granovsky, chairman of Atlantic Packaging. "I can't wait to come in in the morning."

He now limits himself to a nine to five day that includes time for a meeting of one of the Jewish community organizations of which he is an executive member. But for many years he worked long hours six and seven days a week for the sheer excitement of it all.

Granovsky was president of the company from the time he founded it with his father until he went into hospital last August for an operation, one in a series to correct an old football injury. He turned over the presidency to his brother, Irving, and he became chairman, at the same time confining his role to long-range planning--a concept he has brought with him to the United Jewish Welfare Fund, of which he is the new president.

He wants the UJWF to take a long look at the community to determine its needs and establish priorities. Then it must assess the programs offered by the recipient agencies. Finally, it must put all its efforts to ensuring that sufficient funds are raised.

Granovsky maintains his soft way of speaking even when he says he is angered by those who look on the Welfare Fund as "just a collection agency."

Phil Granovsky

He has none of the mannerisms or appearance that one expects from a businessman who pours all the energies into his enterprises that he once channelled into athletics. (He played quarterback and halfback for Harbord Collegiate's football team and later he was on the Canadian track team in the 1938 British Empire Games.)

Granovsky is slight of build, wiry, with a gentle, easy manner. He is comfortable when he speaks about his eldest son, 22-year-old Ronald, who is considering going into the company when he completes his fourth year at university this year. The father looks as though he means it when he says he will understand whatever decision his son reaches.

Stanley, a 20-year-old student, has worked part-time with the company, as his brother has done. The eldest daughter, Fahla, is married to a medical student and 15-year-old Maxine is at school. His wife, Shirley, joins with him enthusiastically in his community work.

Along with his duties as UJWF president, Granovsky is also vice-president of the Jewish National Fund; vice-president of the Toronto Zionist Council; and an immediate past president of the Adath Israel Synagogue.

He is a past president of the Wilson Heights Lodge of B'nai B'rith.

As a member of the Jewish Agency's budget and finance committee, he has seen the spending shifted away from the kibbutzim to pay the enormous costs of re-settling Russian Jews who are accustomed to a far higher standard of living that the North African immigrants of recent years.

In his role as president of the Welfare Fund, Granovsky wants to see it merge with the Central Region of the Canadian Jewish Congress because of "a lot of duplication of effort, time and money."

Failing a merger, he wants to see the UJWF represent the whole Toronto Jewish community. He would implement Bylaw 100, which was drawn up in 1966, and gives every organization in the Jewish community representation on the board of the Welfare Fund. That board would then elect the executive which in turn would elect its officers.

"The Welfare Fund should represent any group of Jews who form a society--landsmanshaften, synagogues, Jewish trade unions. But some organizations feel excluded--they feel that the Welfare Fund is composed of a small group of moneyed people who run the community. The more people who are represented, the more will understand the Welfare Fund and contribute to it."

Nearly 50 per cent of members of synagogues make no contribution because they don't understand its role, he said.

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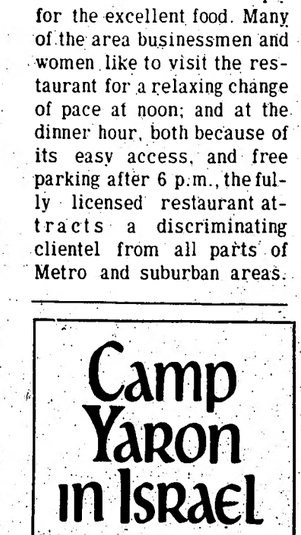

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Montreal Dateline

A street in the largely Jewish suburb of Cote St. Luc will be named Korchak, after Dr. Janus Korchak who was one of the martyrs of the Warsaw Ghetto during the Nazi Holocaust. The Holocaust Memorial Committee of Montreal, under the direction of Aba Beer, petitioned Cote St. Luc Mayor Samuel Moscovitch and the municipal council to obtain permission from the post office to use the new name.

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In observance of Jewish music month, the Canadian Jewish Congress Eastern Region, under the chairmanship of Dr. Sabina Ratner is sponsoring a recital by four distinguished members of the Montreal Symphony Orchestra on March 8, at 8:30 p.m. at Congress headquarters.

The Secretary of State has provided a grant for the Saidye Bronfman Centre to produce two one-act plays highlighting Jewish and French Quebec family lifestyles and cultures. The production will give the audiences an opportunity to exchange views and feelings in relation to their own culture as contrasted to the other.

Recognition of the services provided by the Golden Age Association last year was demonstrated by the government in February when grants totalling $47,000 in Local Initiatives money was extended to the organization. Their programs include job aid, foster home project, and an expansion of the outreach cervices.

Cecil Vineberg

Simon Cobrin, general chairman of the 1973 Combined Jewish Appeal, has named Cecil Pascal as assistant to the general chairman. Cobrin also announced the appointment of Cecil Vineberg as associate chairman of the annual fund-raising drive.

China visit awaits 25 students

TORONTO—

Students at Downsview Secondary School are eagerly awaiting announcement of the 25 names chosen for what is believed to be the first Canadian school trip to China.

The list of names selected for the 23-day trip, May 18-June 15, is in Peking awaiting the Chinese government's approval. Itinerary of the trip includes Canton, Peking, the Bethune Peace Memorial, Shanghai, Nangking and Hangchow.

Carol Geddis, a history teacher at the school at Keele and Wilson, began thinking of the trip last May. In October, a presentation was made to the China Travel Service in Peking and after an interview with embassy personnel in Ottawa, permission was granted in January for the trip.

Downsview has a Chinese study program slated for April with York and University of Toronto professors lecturing on Chinese history and culture.

Some of the students will be trained in photography and filmmaking to keep a record of the journey. Students have commited themselves to a follow-up program for next year with preparation of a Chinese studies multi media-kit to be made available to all schools.

Youngsters selected from grades 10 to 13 are top students and representatives of the multi-ethnic nature of the school, said Miss Geddis.

Selection of the participants was made by Miss Geddis along with fellow teachers Paula Citron, Leland White and Kenneth Woods who are also going to China. Students were asked to write essays entitled "Why We Should Go To China" and then were interviewed by the teachers.

Each student going on the trip will contribute $300 and the rest will be raised through government grants and private donations, Miss Geddis said.

Israel is making determined bid to gain more exports for fresh and processed foods

By ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO—

Israel's importance as an exporter of fresh and processed foods is growing in world markets with a projected figure of $100 million forecast for 1974/75.

At a meeting of the Second Food Week in Tel Aviv last January, representatives from Western European countries and North America saw displays of new foods now being processed in Israel, attended workshops and visited food product plants during the 10-day conference.

Heading the 25-member Canadian delegation was Ari Ben David, general manager of Shopsy Foods in Toronto. Ben David, a former Israeli, told **The CJN** of the tremendous strides Israel has made in the food industry in the past 15 years. While citrus fruits are still a major export, Israel now has a thriving industry in 23 other foods and food byproducts.

Since Israel cannot raise cattle due to water shortages and lack of grazing land, beef has always been in short supply. To offset the shortage of beef, Shefa Protein Industries, established in 1969 as a research-oriented food producer, has been experimenting with the manufacture of nutritious protein meat substitutes. Shefa's products are kosher parve under the supervision of the Rabbinate of Arad, the plant's location.

"I see this as the coming thing in world food production," Ben David said. "Beef prices are high and they will continue to rise since there is already a shortage of beef in the world. Japan is now a big beef importer, her people are eating beef instead of fish which had been the chief food staple."

Canada is presently sending shipments of raw materials to Shefa—soya and rapeseed—to be used in the manufacture of the food byproducts.

According to Menachem Lahat, Israel's trade commissioner in Toronto, Israel has a special trade agreement with the European Common Market for a reduction in tariffs up to 50 per cent on industrial goods.

Steadily growing in Israel is the poultry industry, particularly the raising of turkeys for export. Ben David would like to see Canada added to the countries now importing poultry from Israel. He has started negotiation for Canadian export of kosher frozen beef to Israel.

All these areas will be looked into at the upcoming Economic Conference Israel '73 to be held in Tel Aviv from May 28 through June 16 as part of Israel's 25th anniversary celebrations.

To honor organizations for fund raising work

TORONTO—

Organizations, societies and landsmanshaften which play such a major role in the annual United Jewish Appeal-Israel Special Fund campaign will be honored at a dinner at the New Murray House on Sunday, May 6, it was announced this week by UJA-ISF chairman Al Green.

Green said the dinner actually has a dual purpose: to honor the societies and to pay tribute to Phil Givens, for his many years of service to the UJA. Givens will be the guest speaker.

Sixty-three organizations with a total membership of over 4,000 are participating in the 1973 campaign, under the chairmanship of Gordon Mendly. Organizations not only canvass their own members but many also give substantial treasury gifts to the campaign.

Givens, formerly mayor of Toronto, has been closely identified with the landsmanshaften and societies and as a young lawyer was legal advisor of both the Radomer and Pride of Israel. "The dynamism of Toronto Jewish life emanated from the societies," he commented recently. "They were two generations ahead of their time with a health insurance plan. They had their own credit unions. They were the place that people went to for solace and comfort."

Al Green said invitations for the dinner will be in the mail in the very near future.

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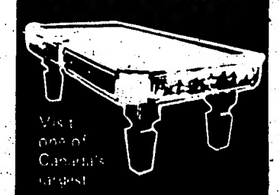

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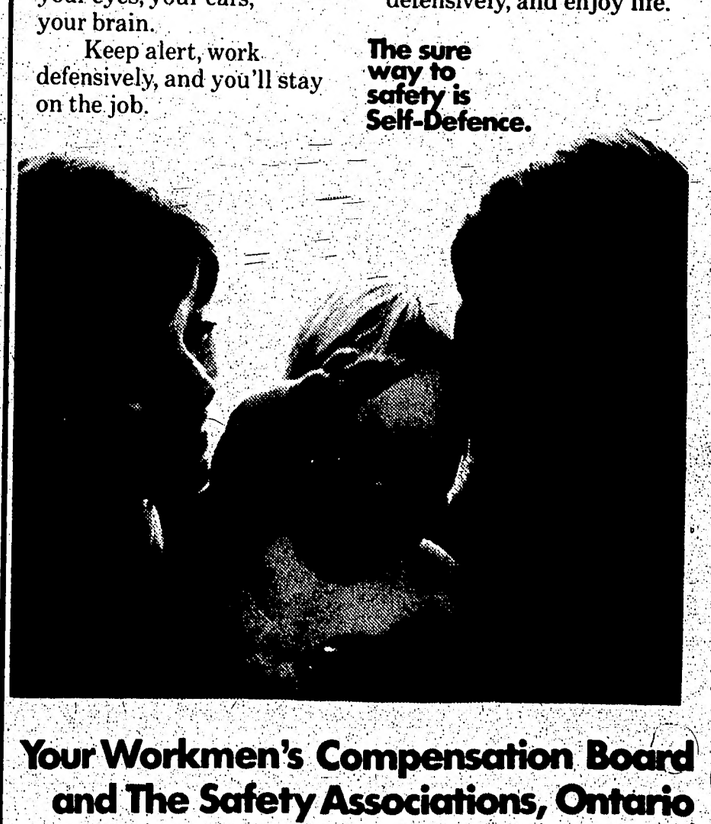

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LIVELY 1973 CAMPAIGN FOR UJA-ISF

Smiles are in order at the signing of a large treasury gift cheque from the Tri-Bell Recreation Club. Left to right are: Charles Hanet, chairman of fund-raising; Hushy Lipton, president; Sam Kruger, immediate past president; and Izy Stern, chairman, Synagogues and Organizations

All set for telethon, Hungarian division turns out on a Sunday morning to make calls for UJA-ISF. In photo are left to right: Frank Guttman, Tibor Stern, Bela Brichta, Mikolas Winkler, Armin Weiss, Alex Szekacs and Joseph Klein.

Simcha Genossar, Ontario representative for Keren Hayesod, spoke at a UJA-ISF evening held by the New Jewish Fraternal Association. Genossar, left, and Hy Naistein, UJA chairman, listen to a point being made by president J.B. Salsberg. Missing from photo is UJA co-chairman M. Biderman.

Distributing cards at a UJA breakfast at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue are: Ralph Snow, UJA co-chairman; Irving Borenstein, Rupert Shriar, Max Guttman, UJA co-chairman; Rabbi Joseph Kelman, Izy Stern, Dr. Fred Wine and Sam Feldman.

Shown at a card distribution meeting at Shaarei Tefillah Congregation are Alex Serota, guest speaker; Murray Freiberg, president; Mike Harris, 1973 chairman of Synagogues, and Cyril Newman, UJA chairman.

Societies dig deep for UJA-ISF

Of all the divisions in the United Jewish Appeal-Israel Special Fund campaign setup, none is more dedicated and active than the Societies and Organizations Division. Each year the landsmanshaften prove to be the backbone of the campaign and 1973 will mark another successful year in their continued efforts on behalf of Israel and local agencies.

Serving his fifth term as chairman, Gordon Mendly who organized the societies and organizations section, is determined that Toronto's Jews will respond as never before.

Heading up the fund-raising for their organizations and societies for 1973 are the following chairmen:

All for One Mutual Benefit Society, Morris A. Baker; **Ajalon Lodge**, Dave Eisen; **Apter Friendly Society**, Saul Marmurek; **Association Mezritcher Landsmanshaft**, Samuel Bierstone; **Beizechiner B'nai Yaacov Society**, Morris Goldberg; **Beth Aaron**, L. Weisbrod; **Blue Star Lodge**, Robert Edson; **B'nai Abraham Organization**, Israel Mintzer; **B'nai Radom**, Sam Katzman; **B'nai Brith Toronto Regional Council**, Max Aiken; **Borochov Movement**, Benjamin Himel; **Canadian Hebrew Benevolent Society**, Raymond Pasternak; **Chenstochover Hilfs Farein & Aid Society**, Moshe Frank, Jack Nightingale, Sam Yakubowitz; **Drilitzer Y.M.S.**, M. Kornbloom, I. Golobek; **Farband of Lithuanian Jews**, Mrs. Ifa Demon, Mrs. R. Lichtblau, Mrs. M. Nodel; **Forest Hill Lions Club**, Ben Besser; **Fraternal Aktzai**, Lou Grainer.

Friends of Pioneering Israel, Ifa Demon; **Good Age Club**, Mr. & Mrs. James Blugerman; **Hebrew Liberal Club**, Harry Trachter; **Herzl Zion**, Dave Kirsh, Ben Goldmintz; **Judean Benevolent & Friendly Society**, Art Gluckstein; **Judean Lodge, Knights of Pythias**, Isaac Taylor; **Jews of Hungarian Descent**, Armin Weiss; **Keltzer Sick Benefit Society**, Ben Lerer, Dave Wiener; **Iwansker Mutual Benefit Society**, Alex Kopstick, H. Kasten; **Kiever Podolier Society**, Mr. H. Shneer.

Labour Zionist Alliance, Mr. Morris Koffman, Overall Chairman; Co-Chairmen, **Branch 26**, Al Cohen; **Branch 138**, Aaron Sadoff, **Branch 72**, Sam Yollick; **Branch 106**, Harry Weis; **Branch 124**, Harry Sher; **Branch 244**, Mr. J. Spivak, Max Sherman; **Branch 517**, Collin Morris; **Branch 626**, Ben Goldglass; **Branch 567**, H. Naiman,

Lagover Mutual Benefit Society, M. Mandel; **Linitzer Society**, H. Cooper, Charles Cloth; **Lipsker Young Mens Society**, W. Sherman; **Lodzer Centre**, B. Blady, Joseph Slonim; **Lubliner & Umgegent Society**, M. Friedman; **Maramoresher Society**, Mottel Pearl; **Mezricher Landsmanshaft**, S. Bierstone; **Mozirer Sick Benefit Society**, S. Rose; **New Fraternal Jewish Association**, Morris Biderman, Hy Naistein; **Ostrovtzer Society**, Joe Snider, Abe Nyman; **Ozrover Mutual Benefit Society**, Stan Rosen, Moshe Goldstein.

Piotrkov, Tomashov, Belochatov Society, A. Belzycky; **Pultusker Landsmanshaft**, J. Friedland; **Radomer Mutual Benefit Society**, Izzy Green; **Scopus Lodge**, Dr. M. Gelfand; **Shedlitz Lookover Society**, L. Hertzberg, I. Kopyto; **Shedlower Y. M. Society**, Henry Wolfson; **Sons of Jacob**, R. B. Marans; **Sons of Abraham Mutual Ben. Society**, Charles Galperin; **Stashiver Young Men's Society**, Nathan Freedman, Willie Rosengarten; **Stopnitzer Young Men's Society**, Jack Grosberg, Leon Kornbluth; **Toronto Hebrew Benevolent Society**, Myer Millman; **Tri Bell Club**, Harold Lipton; **Tzosmerer Friendly Society**, E.L. Teitelbaum, Joe Israel; **Wierznicker Mutual Benefit Soc.**, Max Naiman, Abe Zuckerman; **Young Mens Hebrew Assoc. Sick Benefit Soc.**, David David; **Zaglembier Society**, Charles Goldfinger; **Zion Benevolent Society**, L. Dickstein, Leon Rochman.

Good response from synagogues

Response to the 1973 United Jewish Appeal-Israel Special Fund campaign is more positive than in previous years, says Michael Harris, chairman of the Synagogue Division.

"We try to cover all the people not contacted by the trades divisions--young marrieds, working people and those with no specific affiliations who have never been reached by us before," he states. "We encourage young people just starting out to contribute whatever they can. In this way we establish a pattern for the future--the habit of giving to those in need of help."

The synagogue campaign really got off the ground in the past month and this year chairmen are striving for maximum increases.

Izy Stern, who heads the Synagogues and Organizations Division, urges canvassers to cover all their cards for maximum results in this the 25th anniversary year of the State of Israel.

Following are the 1973 synagogue chairmen:

Adath Israel Congregation, Seymour Haber; **Adath Shalom**, Irving Roth; **Ben Am Congregation**, Harry Berns; **Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda**, Max Guttman, Ralph Snow; **Beth Jacob Congregation**, Sam Faivish, Joseph Rosenthal, Joseph Isakow; **Beth Sholom Congregation**, Lou Gula, Herb Caplan, Sam Solish; **Beth Tikvah Congregation**, Dr. Stephen Goldman; **Beth Torah Congregation**, Max Glick; **Beth Tzedec Congregation**, Bernard Kraft; **B'nai Israel Beth David**, Wilf Yaphe; **B'nai Torah**, Meyer Weinstock, Chevra Shas, Morris Graftstein; **Clanton Park Congregation**, Dr. Joseph Weil, Dr. Norman Shaul.

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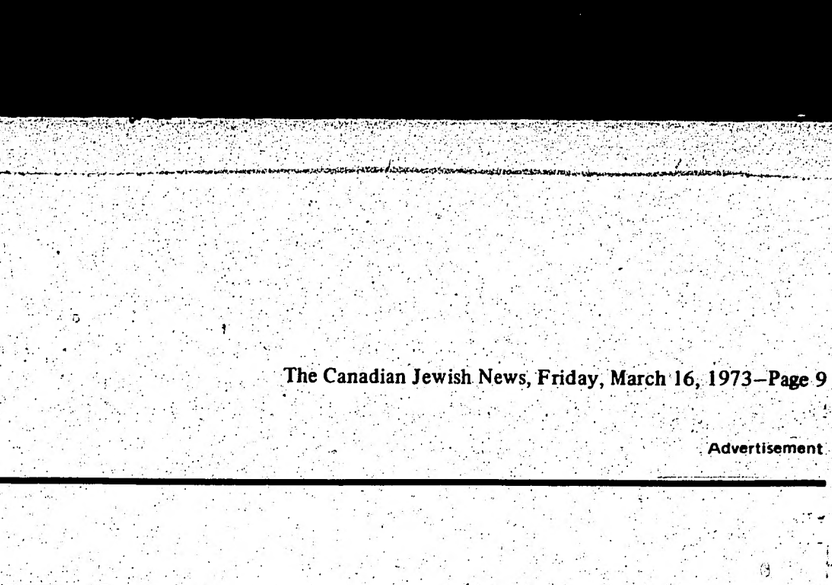

Seen looking over cards at UJA breakfast meeting held by the Ozrover Mutual Benefit Society are: Alex Serota, Sid Shapiro, president; Stan Rosen and Moshe Goldstein, UJA co-chairmen.

Discussing cards to be distributed for UJA-ISF campaign at Beth Am Synagogue, are Mike Harris, 1973 Synagogue Division chairman; Zvi Garcy of Jewish Agency; Harry Berns, UJA chairman; and Norm Hornfeldt, president.

Izy Stern, centre, chairman of Synagogues and Organizations expresses his pleasure at receiving treasury gift from Lagover Society. Seen with him are M. Greenspan and M. Mandel.

Looking over kits in board room of B'nai Israel Beth David Synagogue are left to right: Sid Hoffman; Maurice Cohen, congregation president; Wilf Yaphe, UJA chairman; and Syd Gerstein.

Members of the executive of St. Andrew St. Shul (Minsker Synagogue) pose with Izy Stern, third from left, as he is about to receive generous treasury gift for UJA-ISF. Gordon Mandel is president and Joseph Lottman, vice-president.

Travel

A diver descends into the Oceanariums during each regular program to feed the specimens. Moray eels, sting rays and other fish are fed by hand.

Miami--city at hub of attractions

Miami Beach has made a multi-million dollar business out of seeing that its many visitors enjoy their holiday. In addition to being a vacation resort, it is the hub from which attractions radiate north, south and west. On the east is the biggest attraction of them all--the Atlantic Ocean.

Vying with the Atlantic on the list of awesome sights in Miami Beach is famed "Hotel Row," Collins Avenue's mile after mile of resort hotels, each trying to outdo the other as an architectural extravaganza.

The greater Miami area, a sprawling megalopolis, encompasses many of Florida's most popular visitor attractions.

Bill Haast of Miami Serpentarium is frequently in the headlines, having again cheated death by recovering from the bite of one of the deadly snakes he handles daily. As director of the attraction, Haast is said to be the only man in the western hemisphere who routinely handles venomous snakes from all over the world, including the king cobra. Haast believes he survives, although bites often make him critically ill, simply because he has been bitten so many times he has developed some degree of immunity to the venom.

Monkeys are in the trees, not in cages, at Monkey Jungle, a family attraction in south Miami. Chimpanzees perform in an hourly show.

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Israel Consul Shmuel Ovnat and his wife (left) sit with Mr. Ping and Mrs. Ruth Druxerman, president of Canadian Women's ORT. Mr. Ping was one of the works of Ontario craftsmen on display at Casa Loma last week. (HOZ)

Over 1,000 see ORT crafts festival

By MIRIAM HERMAN
TORONTO-

Hand Made in Ontario, the Toronto Women's ORT festival of crafts that filled Casa Loma to capacity last weekend, was just what the signs said it would be--hand made in Ontario!

Imagine if you will, more than 50 of the province's top artisans gathered under one roof! Potters, sculptors, weavers, glass blowers, jewellers, toymakers, all displayed their crafts, in bazaar-like fashion, in those high-ceilinged rooms of another era.

There was something for everyone--woven tapestries, batik scarves, metal and glass chess sets, polka-dot bunny rabbits. The place was alive with the excitement of artistic creativity, even the puppets were dancing.

Several of the artists were selected as candidates for Eedee awards, recently established by the Ontario ministry of industry and tourism for outstanding merit in crafts. Finalists' names will be announced by the government next summer. This was in addition to the prizes awarded by the festival's own award committee.

And if attendance numbers are any criteria, then ORT's exhibition can certainly be termed a winner.

Close to 1,000 guests were at the Saturday night opening sherry reception including Israeli Consul General Shmuel Ovnat and Mrs. Ovnat, Legislature member Vernon Singer, Sheridan College President J. M. Porter, Sidney Shipper and Jim Turner of George Brown College (both schools had booths), and Elizabeth Dingman, executive director of Ontario Craft Foundation. The president of Women's Canadian ORT, Ruth Druxerman flew in from Winnipeg for the occasion.

From then on the festival was in high gear. Sunday and Monday the doors were open to the public and arts-and-crafts-lovers kept pouring in, despite the soggy weather. No wonder Toronto ORT president Dorothy Shoichet, and festival co-chairmen Esme Gotz and Harriet Morton were all smiles.

But for the women of ORT, the festival was more than the culmination of several months of planning and work, more than a successful enterprise. It was a statement of their organization's underlying philosophy of teaching people work skills so they can make their own way in life.

"ORT and crafts go together," Mrs. Gotz said. "It was the right thing for us to do. Our motto is 'Freed from charity by the skill of his hands' and ORT has been promoting handwork for the past century."

Peace ship heads for troubled seas

By NORMAN TOLLINSKY
TORONTO-

Abie Nathan, veteran of three peace flights to Cairo, is about to launch his most daring peace project--a 570-ton coastal freighter scheduled to leave its New Jersey berth shortly for its long-awaited voyage to the troubled waters of the eastern Mediterranean.

Equipped with a 50,000 watt transmittor, two radio studios, teletypes and monitoring devices, the ship will carry the message of Radio Peace to 20 million people in four languages.

Nathan was warmly received in Toronto last week at a small reception organized by local supporters. Although admitting a case of pre-journey jitters, he appeared both excited and hopeful.

Once a successful restaurateur and art dealer in Tel Aviv, Nathan sold everything and invested the $120,000 proceeds in the cause of peace. He raised an equivalent amount of money from sympathizers around the world, $40,000 of which has come from Canada.

The ship will anchor in international waters off the Egyptian and Israeli coasts and will have a crew of 20 men including professional navigators, disc jockeys, and volunteers of different nationalities and religions.

When asked if he expected any trouble from the Israelis or the Egyptians, Nathan said, "The Israelis think the Arabs will explode us and the Arabs think the Israelis will explode us."

In short, he doesn't expect any side to bear the responsibility of shipwrecking an impeccable cuase. The vessel will float under the flag of Panama and will be unarmed.

The broadcasting will include music, commentary, debate and news. "The wonderful about this," said Nathan, "is that young people in Cairo, Damascus, and Tel Aviv will be listening and dancing to the same music at the same time.

"We will invite people to use the ship for a platform. We have facilities for 30 people and we will offer them to anyone.

Abie Nathan

Dismissing accusations of naivete, Nathan offered to give up his idea if someone came up with a better one.

"I love my country and my people but my loyalty goes beyond being a Jew or an Israeli.

"I am disappointed that my own people did not respond as I had hoped but I have no bitterness about it."

In addition to his concern for peace in the Middle East, Nathan has also distinguished himself as a pacifist and a humanitarian in the Biafran and Indo-Pakistani relief projects. "I may be a pacifist," he said, "but I'm a pretty aggressive one."

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Community counselling is one of the major roles of your Ontario Human Rights Commission. We hold seminars and discussions with police in areas where there are communication barriers between them and minority groups, to help relieve tension and promote mutual understanding. We attend meetings of immigrants and native-born minority groups to explain to them both their rights under the legislation and their responsibilities as citizens of this Province.

We also help bring people into contact with local agencies like home-and-school groups, community and government agencies, and churches, which are available to help but which many people don't even know exist. Wherever there's a difficulty based on race, language, colour or creed, the Human Rights Commission is available to generate discussion and motivate people to develop understanding and respect for the other's point of view.

Our job is to help bring people together and encourage healthier relationships among all groups.

Human Rights Commission
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Provide basic income

Croll urges legislation to aid Canadian poor

From our Quebec Bureau

MONTREAL—Legislative measures in the social welfare field in Canada have always been greeted with the attitude, "we can't afford it, it will break the country," said Senator David Croll at the Beth El Congregation last week.

"When they said we can't afford to deal with poverty, they had said the same thing about medicare—everyone said it," explained the architect of the 1971 Poverty Report which favors an annual income to all Canadians.

Born in Moscow in 1900, the Croll family immigrated to Windsor, Ontario five years later. After studying in Toronto, the Senate member established his own law firm at the age of 28, and in 1930 he was elected mayor of his native city.

His lifelong concern for citizen welfare in politics began in 1934 when he was elected to the Ontario legislature. He was given the welfare portfolio, becoming the first Jewish cabinet minister in Ontario's history. He was also the youngest cabinet minister in the Commonwealth.

Croll, who celebrates his 73rd birthday this week, told the audience that Canada has a real problem with poverty, since over 25 per cent of all Canadians live under the poverty line, and over 65 per cent earn less than they could receive on welfare.

"So when you hear about those people," he said, his voice rising firmly, "who shout to throw those 'bums' out of welfare, they don't know what they're talking about."

David Croll

In 1935, Croll was appointed Minister of Labour in the Mitchell Hepburn cabinet and authored the Minimum Wage Act and the important Administration Act—for dealing with labor disputes.

He resigned from the Ontario legislature in 1937 because of government anti-labor policies, and he led the battle for the right of every worker to choose his own union.

"One thing that was never ventured," he stated, "was to provide for people on the basis of being a human being. Poor people were never trusted with money because it was said they would go to the beer parlors."

Croll, who is also the first Jewish Senator, said he believes the poverty report will change the course of Canadian welfare because it supplies a basic income to everyone with money they are responsible for.

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By ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO—A group of Toronto Jewish businessmen have organized to help raise funds to support the work of Dr. Simon Wiesenthal, director of the Documentation Centre in Vienna.

Wiesenthal, known throughout the world as the "Nazi Hunter" was in Toronto recently at the invitation of B'nai B'rith and met with the group to discuss the project.

Leon Weinstein, former supermarket executive and now with CITY-TV, is one of the moving forces behind the project, along with Harry Pachter and Herbert Levy, executive vice-president of B'nai B'rith, District 22.

"It is just a group of private citizens who feel the continued work of the Documentation Centre is of vital importance and needs our support," Weinstein told The CJN. "Our goal is modest and we are more interested in the numbers of people who will make contributions than in the amount they give."

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Approximately 1,000 top business executives have accepted the prime minister's invitation to attend the economic conference, including 50 from Canada. The conference begins May 27 and **Israel 73** a day later and concluding June 16.

The concept of an economic conference has proved to be a success when considering foreign investment figures. In 1967, a year before the first conference was held, only $23 million flowed into the country from foreign sources. By 1969, this figure was well over $50 million. In 1971, $100 million were invested in Israel from abroad, and in 1972 this figure grew to $180 million.

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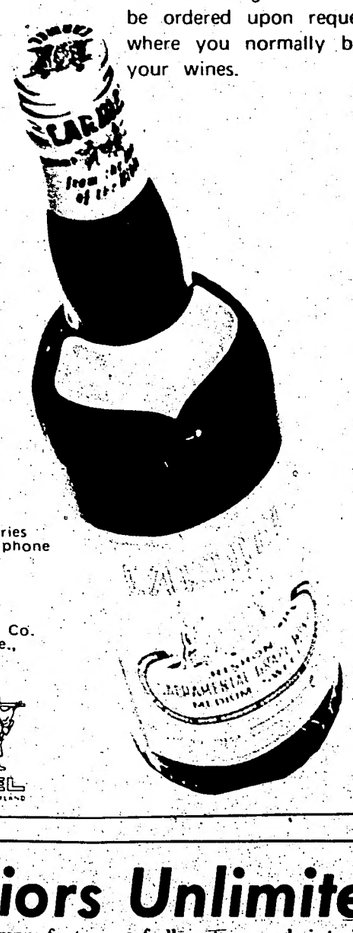

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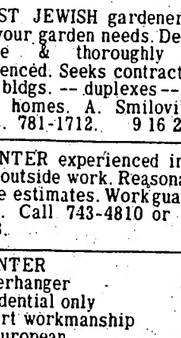

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Bormann officially dead

FRANKFURT-
The 28-day search for Martin Bormann, Hitler's deputy, is officially over. The public prosecutors announced they have accepted the findings of the West Berlin Institute for Forensic Medicine that a skeleton found in the city was that of Bormann.

Syria, Iraq assailed

PARIS-
More than 100 French parliamentarians, including many members of the Gaullist party, called on Syria and Iraq to halt the persecution of Jewish minorities in the two countries. The manifesto said no one believed assurances from the Syrian and Iraqi embassies that no Jews had been killed and that there was no police terror aimed at Jews.

Notorious Nazi held

NEW YORK-
Klaus Altmann has confessed to Bolivian authorities that he is Klaus Barbie, the Gestapo 'Butcher of Lyons," who is wanted in France on war crime charges. He faces extradition to France where he has already been tried and sentenced to death in absentia.

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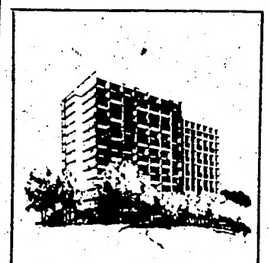

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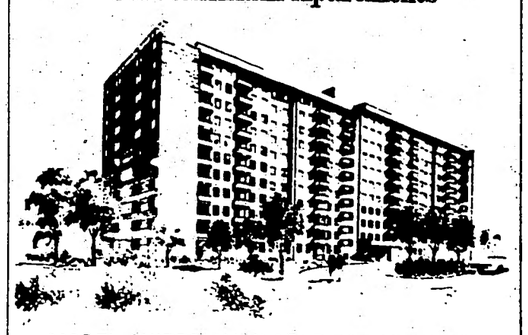

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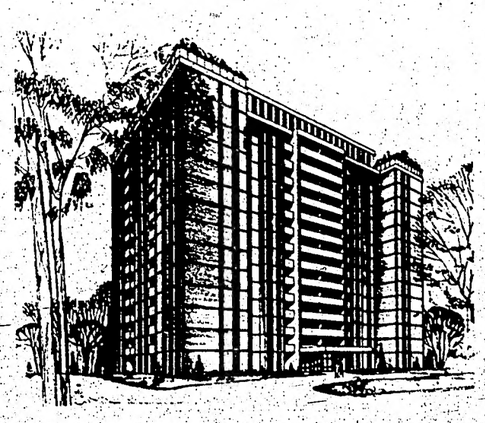

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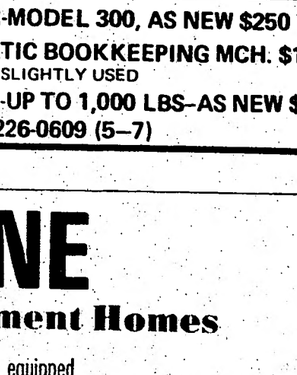

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Arts

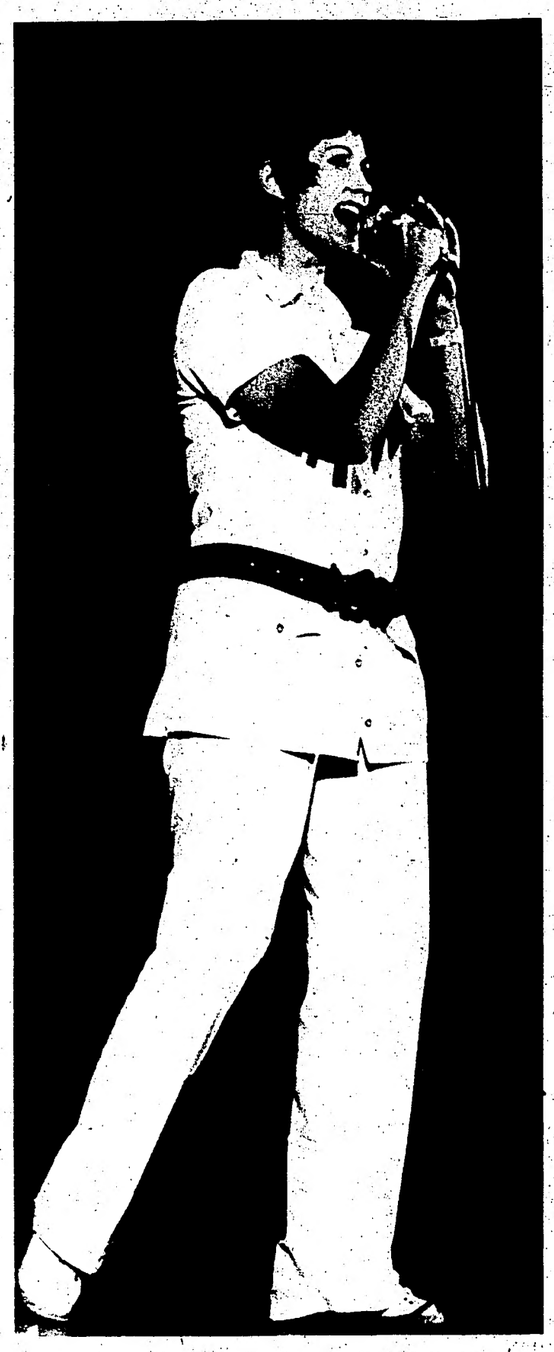
First lady of song presents soulful, inspiring program

By RICK KARDONNE

Sauve, elegant, yet full of fire, pride and gusto, Yaffa Yarkoni is a beautiful person and a first-rate performer.

Performing to a packed house at Adath Israel Congregation on March 6, Israel's first songstress gradually transformed an initially receptive but reserved audience into a 'good-timey' crowd eagerly responding to her request to find out who could "oy" (with feeling) the best. Her voice is truly unique; a husky tenderness able to convey both national fervor and the most sophisticated love emotions, plus many subtle moods in-between.

She has that classic Mediterranean flair and expressiveness about her, plus that funky sabra down-to-earth guttiness that prevents her from lapsing into syrupy sentimentality. And, because she does not pretend that she is still in her twenties, the way so many North American singers of her age try to do, Miss Yarkoni confidently conveys a refreshingly honest image of mature womanhood, which is very alluring.



CJN music critic—Rick Kardonne called Yaffa Yarkoni's program at Adath Israel soulful and inspiring.

She is not, and no longer tries to be, in the vanguard of Israel's current pop scene. She enjoyed her prime in that respect over 20 years ago, following the first War of Independence. Now, she has graciously moved over to make way for very able younger singers such as Chava Alberstein, Ophira Gluska and Shuli Natan. But, on the other hand, she has not relegated herself to an "over-30" set, because in Israel, pop music knows no generation gap but rather a generation overlap. So, while her program consisted largely of universal standards such as **Yerushalayim Shel Zahav** and folk songs such as **Feenjon** and **Shoshanna**, she also sang two recent Israeli hits: **B'ou Venashir Achim** which, initially sung by Sassi Keshet, won the 1971 Oriental Songfest; and a sensitive lament by the veteran Israeli composer Moshe Wilensky. She also sang a medley from **Fiddler**, Jacques Brel's **If You Go Away** (on which she was particularly impressive) and three Yiddish songs, one of which became immensely popular in Tokyo.

All in all, her program was not as musically diversified as that of not only many contemporary Israeli singers but also that of Shoshanna Damari and Geula Gill, who usually include a few Yemenite and North African Jewish folk melodies; but still, it was a very enjoyable, mature choice of material, and, with Yaffa's warm, vibrant presence, it was certainly soulful and inspiring.

Between international tours, Yaffa Yarkoni regularly performs at The Cave in Jaffa; a handsomely renovated Turkish-style cafe that overlooks the Mediterranean. And she still draws capacity crowds; sabras of all ages as well as tourists. For, while she is no longer the current trendsetter, she remains, and always will be, Israel's first lady of song. She was the first woman sabra singer; she created the sabra singer image that in one way or another has influenced all of her highly proficient and individualistic successors; a unique blend of funkiness and romantic flair that is truly Israeli and truly Jewish: youthfulness without naivete and sophistication without jadedness or an excess of schmaltz. It's a proud image which I feel is most natural and most beautiful; an image with which I have always identified. To a great extent, Yaffa Yarkoni created the style of Israeli female vocalists; and for this reason alone, she is a truly great singer and a fine woman.

Rosenberg trial unreal, remote

BOOKS

THE IMPLOSION CONSPIRACY by Louis Nizer. Doubleday & Company. $10.00

By BERNARD BASKIN

Almost 20 years after their death in the electric chair at Sing Sing the basic questions still remain. Were Julius and Ethel Rosenberg—the first husband and wife ever to be executed in the United States—really guilty? Did their treachery enable the Soviet Union to build an atomic bomb and initiate aggression in Korea? Did the FBI possess materials that were damaging to the defendants but so secret that they couldn't be shown? Was the trial fair and objective or were the judge and jurors caught up in the anti-Communist hysteria of the McCarthy era?

It is noteworthy that the Rosenbergs never admitted the guilt that would have saved their lives. They were convicted chiefly on the testimony of accomplices who could have been motivated by jealousy and self-preservation. The FBI to this day hasn't indicated the nature of their evidence. Finally, it is quite obvious now that if, indeed, the Rosenbergs conveyed information to the Russians it was less significant or vital than once regarded.

Louis Nizer, the eminent American trial lawyer, author of two previous best sellers **The Jury Returns** and **My Life in Court** has reopened the Rosenberg case and by presenting all the evidence allows the reader to judge for himself.

He is anxious to prove that a fair trial took place in accordance with the traditions of the American judicial system and that there was sufficient evidence for conviction. But he is convinced that "the death penalty was unfortunate."

During the agonizing two years between the sentencing and the execution, no less than 22 appeals were heard involving 112 judges. Over a million dollars was raised for a defence fund. Multitudes in many countries including such distinguished figures as Pope Pius XII, President Auriol of France, Albert Einstein, etc. appealed for clemency. But Eisenhower who had the last word was adamant.

The author, not content to dwell on the trial alone, has focused on the plight of the Rosenberg children and exploited the sentiments of the doomed pair as their love for each other heightened in the face of death. The reader is spared few harrowing details of the execution—brutal enough to turn the stomach of any sensitive person.

The judge as well as the lawyers on both sides were Jewish. Nizer makes numerous references to the reaction of the Jewish community, the religious services attended in prison and the strong sense of idealism that flowed to Julius and Ethel from their Jewish background.

The Implosion Conspiracy makes absorbing reading. But it offers few new insights, presents a comfortable establishment point of view and from time to time manipulates the events to lend drama to the proceedings. Surprising in a book that asks to be taken seriously is the lack of an index, appendices, bibliography, etc.

Only two decades old, the events so meticulously chronicled by Nizer seem unreal and remote—the concerns and ambiguities of a bygone age.

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